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INTRODUCTION.

LETTER-BOOK F—known as the "Red Book" before the series of which it forms a part was named after the letters of the alphabet[1]—comprises, roughly speaking, a period of fifteen years, viz., from A.D. 1337 to 1352, although the records of Infangthef, as already noted,[2] are carried down to 1409.

Throughout this period the countries of England and France, except for short intervals, were at war over the possession of the Duchy of Aquitaine and the claim of Edward III. to the French crown. Soon after his accession Edward had sent ambassadors to France to treat for peace, and a peace had been concluded (31 March, 1327), the French King (Charles IV.) agreeing to surrender certain lands that had been seized in Aquitaine. On the latter's death, which occurred early in the following year, Edward had challenged the right of Philip de Valois to the crown of France, claiming it for himself by right of his mother, a daughter of a former occupier of the French throne. So far from strenuously supporting his claim, Edward allowed it to fall into abeyance, and in May, 1329, he informed the citizens of his intention to cross over to France to do homage to the French King for the Duchy of Guienne.[3]

The relations between the two countries continued strained in spite of all efforts to bring about a complete understanding. Philip made frequent encroachments on Aquitaine, and goaded Edward to make preparations for war by the favour he displayed towards the King's enemies in Scotland. Thus it was that at the time when Letter-Book F commences Edward

[1] On the last folio of the book we find it recorded: *Memorandum quod iste liber quondam vocabatur Rubeus liber prius quam libri fuerunt nominati secundum ordinem alphabeti.*

[2] 'Cal. Letter-Book E,' Introd., p. xxi.

[3] 'Cal. Letter-Book E,' p. 238.

found it necessary not only to provide for an aggressive war against France, but also to take steps to meet a probable invasion of England. For either purpose ships were necessary, and the City was called upon to take its share in furnishing them. In 1336, during the second Mayoralty of Reginald de Conduit, the sum of £86 10*s*. had been raised in the City[1] and expended on fitting out three vessels known respectively as "La Jonette of London," "La Cogge of All Hallows," and "La Seinte Marie Cogge," the last being the property of William Haunsard,[2] who had recently served as Sheriff, and who a few years later rendered conspicuous service with his ship at the battle of Sluys (23 June, 1340). Early in the following year (1337) the Sheriffs received orders from the King to supply material for anchors for two vessels named respectively the "Christopher"—a large vessel which fell into the hands of the French, but was subsequently recaptured off Sluys—and the "Cogge Edward," the King promising to allow for expenses thereby incurred when the City paid its ferm into the Exchequer.[3]

Besides ships, the City was called upon to furnish a contingent of 500 men for the King's service, both men and ships to be at Portsmouth by Whitsuntide. The date was subsequently altered to Trinity Sunday (15 June). On the 1st June the King, who was at Stamford, took occasion to find fault with the City's dilatoriness in carrying out his orders, and complained of the want of physique in the men that were being supplied. At the request of John de Pulteneye, who was then occupying the Mayoralty chair for the fourth time, he consented to accept 200 able-bodied archers at once, and to postpone the selection of the remainder of the force. At the same time he issued letters patent declaring that the aid furnished by the City should not become a precedent.[4] The names of the 200 archers that went to Gascony are set out in the Letter-Book,[5]

[1] *Infra*, p. 5.
[2] 'Memorials,' p. 198.
[3] Rymer, 'Fœdera,' vol. ii. pt. ii. p. 958.
[4] *Infra*, pp. 10, 11.
[5] *Infra*, pp. 11-14.

divided into companies of 20 men, each commanded by an officer known on that account as "vintainer," whilst five such companies had a superior officer called a "centainer." Each "vintainer" found sureties for himself, whilst he became surety for those under him. Particulars are also set out in the Letter-Book of the City's expenses incurred in finding pay and clothing for officers and men, and for a present of a cask of wine.[1]

When Parliament met in March (1337) the City took the course, common enough in those days, of making presents of money to the King, the Queen, the Treasurer, and other officers of State, for the purpose of gaining their favour, the money being borrowed, on the credit of the City's Chamber, from divers citizens, whose names have been handed down to us. Some portion of the money so raised was expended, we are told, on obtaining various writs from the King, and notably one for levying money to meet the expenses of fitting out the three vessels just mentioned as having been furnished by the City.[2]

The King's necessities at this juncture were once more the City's opportunity. For the last two years the citizens of London had been carrying on their business at a disadvantage, owing to a Statute passed at York in 1335 to the effect that merchant strangers should be allowed freely to trade throughout the realm, in spite of all charters, &c., to the contrary. Although this Statute contained a proviso that the City of London should have its ancient liberties and free customs uninjured, the citizens held it to be "opposed to the liberties of the City,"[3] and now, as they thought, was an opportunity for getting matters placed on a proper footing. They therefore again took the course of making gifts of money and plate to the Lord Chancellor and others who had influence at Court,[4] and succeeded in obtaining a grant of letters patent from the King (dated 26th March, 1337), with the assent of Parliament,

[1] 'Memorials,' p. 196.

[2] *Infra*, pp. 5-8. 'Memorials,' pp. 198-9.

[3] *Infra*, pp. 8-9.

[4] 'Memorials,' pp. 196-7.

declaring that the City should enjoy all its ancient customs and liberties, notwithstanding the former Statute enacted to the prejudice of the same. The citizens continued to enjoy the monopoly of trade to the exclusion of the stranger until 1351,[1] when Parliament again enacted that the ordinance made at York in 1335 should have effect.[2] Against this re-enactment the citizens more than once petitioned the King and his Council, as we learn from the Letter-Book,[3] but the result of the petition is not recorded.[4]

The expenses incurred by the City in obtaining the letters patent (or charter) of 1337 were not inconsiderable, and an assessment had to be made in the several Wards to raise the money needed for this purpose as well as for repairing the gates of Aldersgate and Cripplegate[5] for the City's protection. John de Pulteneye was Mayor at the time, and the City recognized his good offices with the King for the recovery of its ancient liberties by presenting him with two silver basins, together with the sum of £20.[6]

Pulteneye was one of the wealthiest and most influential of the citizens of his day, and he was then occupying the Mayoralty for the fourth time. He had filled the office of Alderman of the several Wards of Coleman Street, Candlewick, and Vintry, and in 1334 had acquired the Aldermanry of the Ward of Farringdon by devise of Nicholas de Farndone.[7] It is, however, doubtful if he ever acted as Alderman of that Ward. He was often employed by Edward on important public business, and his influence with the King is further testified by the fact that during this his last Mayoralty he succeeded in getting Edward to allow a sum of 1,000 marks, furnished by the City, to be treated as a loan, and not as a free gift.[8]

[1] The date 1350, given *infra*, pp. 9 and 15 note, and taken from the 'Statutes at Large' (i. 271), should be 1350-1, the Parliament having sat from the 9th Feb. to the 1st March, 25 Edward III.

[2] 'Rot. Parl.,' ii. 231.

[3] *Infra*, pp. 229, 242-3.

[4] Further proceedings will be found recorded in Letter-Book G.

[5] *Infra*, pp. 9, 15.

[6] 'Memorials,' p. 197.

[7] See will of Nicholas de Farndone, 'Cal. of Wills, Court of Husting,' i. 397-8.

[8] *Infra*, p. 17.

Military preparations continued to be made throughout the year (1337), pending negotiations for peace between England and France. The Parliament which sat at Westminster in February, 1338, gave Edward half the wool of the realm, amounting to 20,000 sacks. Those who had no wool of their own were allowed to make a money payment instead, at the rate of a fifteenth, the City of London being called upon to pay the sum of 1,000 marks.[1] The wool was to be forwarded to Antwerp, whither Edward was shortly to set sail, being goaded to war by the landing of a French force at Portsmouth. Before setting out he called upon the civic authorities to prepare a scheme for the defence of the City.[2] A scheme was accordingly drawn up, and a selection made of the best men of each Ward to patrol the City by day and night.[3] The Mayor and Sheriffs were further enjoined to arrest all persons bearing arms in contravention of the Statutes of Winchester and Northampton, and for so doing they received letters patent of indemnity.[4] On the 3rd June they were instructed by writ of Privy Seal to dispatch the City's contingent to Ipswich. Many members of the force had already quitted the City, on the ground that they formed part of the retinue of some magnate who was to accompany the King. This entailed on the Wards a further levy of 100 men to make up the deficiency.[5] On the 12th July Edward sailed from Orwell, near Ipswich, for Flanders, leaving his son, the young Duke of Cornwall, nominal guardian of the realm during his absence,[6] and he did not return to England until the 21st February, 1340.

The King's plan of attacking France from the north was a shrewd one, and had been deliberately prepared. He had seen that, just as Philip had proved a thorn in his side by the secret aid sent to Scotland from time to time by the French King, he might enlist in his favour the Flemish merchants, who preferred their commercial interests with England to subordination to their feudal lord, the Count of Flanders, an ally of Philip. A

[1] *Infra*, p. 56.
[2] *Infra*, p. 20.
[3] *Infra*, pp. 21-3.
[4] *Infra*, pp. 19, 20.
[5] *Infra*, pp. 25-7.
[6] *Infra*, p. 25.

formal treaty had therefore been made with the Flemings before he set sail, to the effect that they should be allowed to trade freely with England, but not interfere in any way in the war with Scotland or with France.[1]

On the 22nd July Edward landed at Antwerp, whence he addressed a letter to the civic authorities bidding them excuse his Serjeant-at-arms,[2] Robert Flambard, from executing the office of Mace-bearer of the City, to which he had been recently appointed, inasmuch as he was engaged in the King's service. The letter was presented by Flambard himself on the 2nd November to the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty, who thereupon elected a substitute to fill the office until such time as Flambard was in a position to undertake it.[3] On the same day Flambard surrendered the bailiwick of Southwark,[4] which had been conferred upon him in 1333.[5]

Philip in the meanwhile had taken advantage of the King's absence to gather a fleet for the purpose of making a descent on the English coast, and by the end of October the danger to London itself became so imminent that the Regent gave orders for guarding the City by driving piles into the bed of the Thames[6] against any attacks that might be made from the water-side. Tenants of property in the City, religious as well as secular, were to be made to take their share in its defence, and operations for the purpose were to be carried out as expeditiously as possible. As time went on the alarm of invasion increased to such a degree that in February (1339) the City was called upon to fit out four ships with a complement of 300 men, and the same number of vessels of lighter tonnage, known as "scummars," and to forward them to Winchelsea, where they were to join the rest of the fleet under the command of the Admiral of

[1] Rymer, 'Fœdera,' vol. ii. pt. ii. pp. 1042-3. Cf. *infra*, p. 190.

[2] Not the *City's* Serjeant-at-arms as erroneously stated (*infra*, p. 29), although it was the duty of the City's Serjeant-at-arms (otherwise known as the Common Crier) to carry the City mace. *Vide infra*, p. 30n.

[3] *Infra*, p. 30.

[4] *Ibid.*

[5] 'Cal. Letter-Book E,' p. 274.

[6] *Infra*, p. 28; 'Memorials,' pp. 202-3. An item of £110 for piles and for making a "bretask" appears in the Chamberlain's accounts of September, 1339. *Infra*, p. 16.

the Cinque Ports, William Trussel, and thence proceed to sea for the defence of the realm against foreign invasion. After some demur on the part of the City as to the excessive burden thus laid upon them, the number of ships to be provided was reduced to two.[1] In order to equip these vessels a call was made upon each Ward to find a certain proportion of men and armour, according to the size of the Ward, the Aldermen being authorized to arrest those who proved rebellious.[2]

The Letter-Book affords us an interesting insight into the measures taken by the civic authorities themselves for the City's protection at this crisis. On a fly-leaf at the commencement of the book it is recorded that, besides engines of war known as "springalds," with bolts for the same, which were stored at a house called "La Bretaske,"[3] near the Tower, as well as at Aldgate, there were in the Chamber of the Guildhall six instruments of latten, called "gonnes,"[4] with five "teleres"[5] (*i.e.*, tillers or stocks for supporting hand-guns) for the same, together with pellets of lead weighing 400 lb. and a half (meaning, probably, 4½ cwt.) and 32 lb. of powder. The small amount of ammunition indicates that it was probably for the use of hand-guns, and not for heavy ordnance. Touching this interesting record, the editor of the 'Memorials of London and London Life' took occasion in 1868 to make the following comment: "This valuable passage on the fly-leaf of Letter-Book F is almost illegible, and to a great extent is almost obliterated, owing to

[1] *Infra*, p. 32.

[2] *Infra*, pp. 33-4.

[3] Not to be confounded with a house of the same name near Dowgate, devised by Nicholas de Farndone in 1334 to his kinsman Thomas de Porkele, who afterwards conveyed it to Richard de Basyngestoke, a fellow-goldsmith. 'Cal. of Wills,' i. 397; cf. *infra*, pp. 97-8.

[4] John Arderne, a surgeon of the time of Edward III., thus describes a "gun" and "gun-powder": "Cest poudre vault à gettere pelottes de fer, ou de plom, ou d'areyne, oue un instrument qe l'em appelle gonne." Way's 'Prompt. Parv.' (Camd. Soc., No. 25), *s.v.* "Gunne," p. 219n.

[5] Misread "roleres" by the editor of the 'Memorials' (the writing not being very legible), who was thus led to the belief that the passage referred to heavy ordnance. The term "tyllers" is found in connexion with bows and arrows in the will of Richard Hastynges, proved in the Husting in 1559. 'Cal. of Wills,' ii. 670.

the creases in the parchment. If that care be not taken of it which its singular literary value demands, in a year or two hence it will have inevitably disappeared, owing to the friction upon the page every time the volume is opened, however carefully." The caution then given is even more necessary at the present day. It is therefore a matter for congratulation that the writing has been perpetuated in an excellent photograph taken of the folio by Sir Benjamin Stone, M.P.

Before the King set sail for Flanders he had summoned a Parliament or "Great Council" to meet at Northampton on the 26th July[1] (1338), and ten days before the Parliament met, his son, the Duke of Cornwall, summoned four merchants of the City to attend at the same place on Monday, the 3rd August (the day after the Parliament had broken up), to consult with him and his Council on affairs of State.[2] Four merchants from each county were also summoned for the same purpose.[3] Neither the names of the citizens who attended the Parliament nor those of the merchants who waited upon the Duke and his Council are recorded in the Letter-Book.

The same may be said of the Parliament which was originally summoned for the 14th January, 1339, but did not sit until the 3rd February. The writs are recorded,[4] but not the returns. Another Parliament was held during the King's absence, on the 13th October following. The King was by this time in sore pecuniary straits, having experienced great difficulty in getting the wool already granted by Parliament; but before the Commons consented to a grant they desired to consult their constituents, and prayed (among other petitions) that two knights might be summoned from each shire to the next Parliament to represent the Commons, and that no Sheriff or other royal officer might be eligible.[5]

The demand for a new election was acceded to, and a new Parliament was summoned for the 20th January, 1340.[6] Both

[1] *Infra*, p. 25.

[2] *Ibid.*

[3] Rymer, 'Fœdera,' vol. ii. pt. ii. p. 1051.

[4] *Infra*, pp. 30, 32.

[5] 'Rot. Parl.,' vol. ii. p. 104.

[6] The Parliament sat from 20 Jan. to 19 Feb.; from 29 March, and

the writ and return are in this case recorded in the Letter-Book, the writ setting out the reasons for summoning the Parliament, viz., that it had been done at the request of the Commons, and, further, because business had hitherto been hindered in Parliament on account of the manner in which representatives had been elected.[1] At this session the Commons offered a large subsidy of wool, on condition that the King accepted a number of articles of reform presented in a schedule. The consideration of these articles requiring the King's presence, he notified the civic authorities by letter from Sluys (20 Feb.) of his intention to return home as soon as the tide served.[2] The next day he landed in England at the same port whence he had set out more than eighteen months before. Beyond assuming the name and arms of King of France[3] he had achieved nothing by this expedition, which had cost him over a quarter of a million sterling.

On the 1st March, the day being Ash Wednesday, the King summoned the Mayor and Aldermen to appear before the Council the next day, and to bring with them the wealthiest of the citizens. On their appearing in due course, the King spoke to them of the costliness of the war, and demanded a loan of £20,000, giving them a day to consider the matter. On Friday the Mayor, Aldermen, and a great Commonalty met, we are told, in the Chapter House at Westminster, and after giving the matter their consideration they unanimously agreed to lend the King the sum of 5,000 marks. Beyond that they could not go. This sum was rejected as inadequate, and they were told to think better of it, and to bring a list of the names of the wealthier citizens on the following Sunday, so that the King and his Council might assess them for the full amount. This led to another meeting of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty, which took place at the Guildhall soon after sunrise on Sunday morning. The debate was long; and finally it was agreed to offer the King one-third more than the sum previously

again (by adjournment) from 19 April to 10 May; and from 12 to 26 July. Stubbs, 'Const. Hist.,' ii. 381n.

[1] *Infra*, p. 41.
[2] *Infra*, p. 43.
[3] *Ibid.*

offered, that is to say, the City was prepared to lend the King the sum of 5,000 pounds, instead of 5,000 marks, although to do so was hard and difficult (*quamvis durum esset et difficile*), provided the King gave sufficient security for repayment of the money at a certain date. A small deputation, composed of Sir John de Pulteney, Andrew Aubrey, the Mayor, and Roger de Depham, the City Recorder, was thereupon dispatched to Westminster to learn if this new offer would prove acceptable to the King.[1] The fact that precedence was given to Pulteney over the Mayor is not so remarkable as at first sight appears, when we consider the number of occasions on which the King had sought his good offices, and the fact that he was one of the sureties for repayment of the loan on the following Midsummer Day.[2]

Three Aldermen and nine Commoners were appointed to make an assessment for raising the required sum. The amount of assessment varied between £400 (the sum at which William de Caustone was assessed) and 100*s*. A large portion of the money then raised was dispatched to James (or Jacob) van Artevelde,[3] who had recently won over the merchants of Flanders to Edward's side against the French king, in consideration of certain privileges granted to them. The nature of these privileges was made known to the Mayor and citizens of London by the King himself at the Tower. The towns of Ghent, Bruges, and Ypres were to be especially favoured; the wool staple was to be established in Brabant, and free importation of cloth into England allowed. These and other privileges had received the assent of Parliament, and the City was called upon to affix its Common Seal to the grant. The citizens were assured that their own franchises and customs were in no way prejudiced by this grant, which had been made "for the honour of the Crown and welfare of the realm."[4]

The King's visit to England was of short duration. Having

[1] *Infra*, pp. 45-6.

[2] *Infra*, p. 50.

[3] *Infra*, pp. 46-9. Five years later this famous Flemish burgher met a violent death whilst endeavouring to quell a guild disturbance in Ghent.

[4] *Infra*, pp. 50-1.

collected a fleet by seizing all vessels capable of carrying forty tuns or casks of wine (or, as we should say in the present day, vessels of "40 tons burden") as well as lighter boats known as "flunes" or "floynes,"[1] he again set sail from Orwell on Thursday, the 22nd of June. With him went 300 soldiers raised by the City, and with their assistance and that of William Haunsard and his ship, which "rendered good service," he won the battle of Sluys (24th June).

The King sent home an account of the battle in a letter addressed to his son, the Duke of Cornwall, and dated from his ship the "Cogg Thomas," Wednesday the 28th June. This account —the earliest dispatch in existence relative to a naval victory in mediæval times—is recorded in the Letter-Book,[2] and has been printed, with other matter found in the Letter-Books of the City, by Jules Delpit, the French antiquary, in his 'Collection Générale des Documents Français qui se trouvent en Angleterre' (Paris, 1847). The letter relates how the fleet arrived off the coast of Flanders before "Blankebergh" on Friday the 23rd June about mid-day, when the enemy's fleet, to the number of 190 vessels in all, was seen to be collected in the port of "Swyne," a haven in the immediate neighbourhood of Sluys. The tide not serving for the two fleets to get to close quarters, the English harboured for the night, and the next day, being the Feast of St. John, they put out to sea late in the afternoon and attacked the enemy's fleet as it lay in battle array in the harbour.[3] A severe struggle took place, lasting all that day and the following night, but God, by a miracle, had given him the victory, and all the enemy's ships had been taken except twenty-four. He gives the number of the enemy engaged as 35,000; of which number 5,000 made good their escape, and the rest perished. He mentions also the recapture of the ship "Christopher" (already mentioned), and others that had been lost at Middel-

[1] *Infra*, p. 51.

[2] *Infra*, p. 53.

[3] *Nous.....entrames en dit port sur nos ditz enemys qi avoyent assemble lour niefs en moult fort array.* According to another account, the French fleet was induced to quit the harbour by a ruse, and was engaged on the open sea. Aungier, 'French Chron.' (Riley's translation), p. 276.

burgh, and the taking of three or four vessels of the same size as the "Christopher." The letter concludes with the King's testimony to the loyalty of the Flemings, with whom he had recently (4 Jan., 1340) concluded an offensive alliance against France, and who had displayed a readiness to engage in the battle from its commencement to the end; and with an intimation that he intended to remain awhile where he was in order to consult with his Flemish friends and allies as to future operations.

By the treaty with the Flemings it had been agreed that the joint campaign should be opened with the siege of Tournai. Accordingly it was from the neighbourhood of that town that Edward addressed a letter a month later (27 July[1]) to Philip, informing him that he (Edward) had entered Flanders as "sovereign lord thereof," and with the aid of the Flemings as his allies intended to made good his claim to the crown of France. In order to bring the war to a speedy end he proposed to settle the matter either by a personal duel or with a limited number of combatants on either side, according as Philip might choose. Philip ignored the letter, as it was addressed to Philip de Valois, and not to Philip VI. of France, although he sent what was practically a reply,[2] declaring his intention, at the proper time, to drive Edward out of France, and expressing his conviction that the Flemings would soon return to their rightful allegiance. Nothing came of this correspondence. Edward failed to reduce Tournai, and both sides being pressed for money, he as well as Philip was ready for a truce. Accordingly, on the 25th September, a truce was agreed upon to last until Midsummer Day next (1341),[3] and Edward returned home, landing at the Tower before daylight on the 30th November.

The King's return was altogether unexpected. Attributing the failure of the war to the remissness of his ministers in forwarding supplies, he at once proceeded to search for the guilty parties.

[1] This is the date of the letter as recorded in the Letter-Book and by Murimuth ('Cont. Chron.,' p. 111). By other authorities the date is variously given as the 17th and the 26th. *Vide infra*, p. 54n.

[2] *Infra*, p. 54.

[3] *Ibid.*

Immediately after his arrival he sent for John de Pulteneye and others, and ordered them into custody.[1] The next day he dispatched no fewer than four writs of Privy Seal to the Sheriffs of London.[2] Those who had suffered extortion at the hands of officers of the Exchequer were to be invited to state their grievance in writing. Aldermen were to check the items in the Collectors' Rolls with the sums actually paid by the inhabitants of their respective Wards. Collectors, comptrollers of customs, weighers of wool, and every one who owed the King any money, were summoned to appear on New Year's Day, and merchants who had been guilty of exporting wool before it had been cocketed (*i.e.*, sealed with the King's cocket as having paid the King's dues) were to come and answer for their delinquency.[3] The Chancellor, the Treasurer, and various Justices were deprived of their places, and a Commission appointed, comprising a new Chancellor and a new Treasurer, for the purpose of holding an inquiry as to the misdoings of ministers during the King's absence. When the Commissioners notified their intention of opening their inquiry at the Guildhall, they were met with the objection that such a procedure would be contrary to the City's franchise. The question thus raised was submitted by the Commissioners to the King, with the result that the Commission was dissolved and an *Iter* ordered to take place at the Tower to make the necessary investigation.[4] The *Iter* commenced on the 5th March (1341), and continued, with one or more adjournments, until the 18th May, when the Justices failed to appear and the *Iter* died a natural death, although the citizens did not obtain a formal release from attending until the 3rd June.[5]

[1] Avesbury (Rolls Series, No. 93), pp. 323-4.

[2] *Infra*, p. 58.

[3] *Infra*, p. 59.

[4] *Infra*, pp. 59, 60.

[5] Only the preliminary proceedings of the *Iter* are recorded in the Letter-Book. (*Vide infra*, pp. 61-2, where the date has erroneously been given as 14 Edward III. [A.D. 1340] instead of 15 Edward III. [A.D. 1341]). A blank space has been left where the rest of the proceedings should have been entered. It will be seen that the citizens did not obtain their release from the *Iter* without payment. *Vide infra*, pp. 92, 97, 122.

The King's impatient attitude towards his ministers struck terror on all sides. Archbishop Stratford took refuge within the sacred precincts of Christ Church, Canterbury, and others were about to take flight when the King caused public proclamation to be made forbidding any member of his Council to leave the country without special permission.[1]

On the 24th June (1341)—the day on which the truce with France expired—the Emperor of Germany was persuaded by Philip de Valois to write a specious letter to Edward breaking off the alliance which existed between them, whilst offering his services to bring about a peace between England and France. Edward declined the Emperor's offer.[2] A prolongation of the truce was, nevertheless, agreed upon until the following Midsummer Day (1342). In the meantime there had arisen in France a dispute over the succession to the Duchy of Brittany, in which Edward and Philip favoured opposite sides, and although no breach of the truce actually occurred, both countries made preparations for renewing the war. Edward pursued his usual policy of taking the advice of those who were practically acquainted with the matter in hand at the moment, and as his first object just now was to raise a navy to prepare against another threatened invasion by France, he summoned a Council of experienced seamen to meet at Westminster on Monday, the 29th April (1342). The City was called upon to send two of its best seamen, and at the same time to furnish victual and archers for the fleet under the command of the Admiral of the Fleet from the mouth of the Thames to the West.[3]

On the 12th September another Council or Parliament was summoned to meet at Westminster in the following month by the Duke of Cornwall, as *Custos* of the realm, the King himself being about to cross the sea.[4] Some weeks elapsed, however, before he actually set sail,[5] and when he returned, on the

[1] *Infra*, p. 58.

[2] The Emperor's letter and the King's reply are recorded in the Letter-Book. *Infra*, p. 65.

[3] *Infra*, p. 73.

[4] *Infra*, p. 80.

[5] The exact date of his departure seems uncertain. In the letters patent

2nd March, 1343, a truce had been made with France for three years.[1] Notification of the truce was sent to the Sheriffs on the 20th February (1343), and it was duly proclaimed in the City.[2] Four days later the Duke of Cornwall issued his writ for the election of two citizens to attend a Parliament to be held on Monday after the quinzaine of Easter[3] to consider the terms of the truce. This Parliament, which sat from the 28th April to the 20th May, was remarkable as being the first on record where a clear distinction was made between the Lords spiritual and temporal on the one hand, and the representative members, or Commons, on the other, each of them sitting apart in separate chambers. During its session the Duke of Cornwall was created Prince of Wales. It approved of the truce, and was willing to see it converted into a lasting peace if such could be concluded on reasonable terms. This Parliament was further remarkable for the stand it made against Papal claims to ecclesiastical patronage in England. These claims had greatly increased since the beginning of the century, and now that the Pope was living at Avignon, within the borders of France, and in close alliance with Philip, they caused large revenues to be diverted into the hands of the King's enemies, and robbed England of spiritual superintendence. A remonstrance was drawn up and forwarded to Pope Clement, objecting to English benefices being conferred on foreigners.[4] The King was no less jealous of Papal usurpations than his subjects. On the 20th October he ordered all Papal Bulls to be seized on their arrival in any

dated at Sandwich, 5 October, it is stated that he intended setting sail *in proximo*, which may mean the next day or the next tide. Rymer, 'Fœdera,' vol. ii. pt. ii. p. 1212. It certainly does not allow of his leaving on the 4th October, as stated by the late Bishop Stubbs (and repeated *infra*, p. 80n.). Murimuth, on the other hand, states that the fleet was detained by adverse winds, and did not sail until Wednesday after the Feast of St. Luke [18 Oct.], *i.e.*, the 23rd Oct., arriving at Brest on the 30th. (Murimuth, 'Cont. Chron.,' Rolls Series, No. 93, p. 128.)

[1] The terms of the treaty are set out in a public notification made by Cardinal Peter of Palæstrina or Præneste and Ambald, Bishop of Tusculum, from Malestroit. *Vide infra*, p. 88.

[2] *Infra*, p. 84.

[3] *Ibid.* An error of date has been made in the text of the Calendar.

[4] *Infra*, p. 87.

English port;[1] and early in the following year (30 Jan., 1344) the Sheriffs of London were ordered to make proclamation forbidding the introduction into the country of any Papal instrument prejudicial to the inhabitants of the realm, and to cause diligent search to be made for those guilty of such a proceeding.[2]

It soon became clear that Philip had no serious intention of making a lasting peace. On the 10th May (1344) Edward found it necessary to forbid any person capable of bearing arms to leave the kingdom, and three days later called upon the City to furnish him with 400 archers to assist him against Philip, who, he said, had done many things in contravention of the truce that existed between them.[3] The Parliament which was summoned to meet on the 7th June[4] advised the King to bring matters to an issue, and granted supplies, viz., two fifteenths from the shires and two tenths from cities and boroughs, so as to guarantee a supply for two years.[5] The King hoped to further replenish his Exchequer by calling upon all persons holding £40 a year in land or rents to become knights.[6] The citizens of London objected, on the ground that the City was held under the King *in capite* as free burgage at a fee ferm, and further, that none of them had the requisite qualifications.[7] On the 28th June the City was ordered to furnish 100 men-at-arms and 200 hoblers and to dispatch them to Portsmouth, whither the contingent of archers previously ordered was to be sent with all haste, as the King was about to cross the sea.[8] The King did not cross the sea, but remained in England, being occupied for the rest of the year and the greater part of the next in making active preparations for war whilst negotiating for peace. In March (1345) restriction was again placed upon

[1] Rymer, 'Fœdera,' vol. ii. pt. ii. p. 1237.

[2] *Infra*, p. 93.

[3] *Infra*, p. 100.

[4] *Ibid.*

[5] *Infra*, p. 108. Two Aldermen, viz., John de Caustone (who had been so heavily assessed in 1340) and Richard de Berkynge, were afterwards commissioned to assist in levying the money. *Infra*, p. 119.

[6] Rymer, 'Fœdera,' vol iii. pt. i. p. 16.

[7] *Infra*, p. 105. Cf. 'Cal. Letter-Book B,' p. 56n.

[8] *Infra*, p. 106.

persons leaving the kingdom, and the City was called upon to dispatch a number of archers to Sandwich by Whitsuntide.[1] A question having been raised as to whether the vessels in the Thames came under the jurisdiction of the Admiral of the North or the Admiral of the West, they were placed under the charge of Robert Flambard, the King's Serjeant-at-arms, until the question should be decided.[2] In April the King appointed the Earl of Northampton to be his lieutenant in the Duchy of Brittany, whence he proposed to make his next attack on France, and on the 4th June gave orders to the City for those who were to proceed to Brittany under the Earl to set out for Portsmouth without delay.[3] A week later he notified the Sheriffs that the Earl had started for Brittany, and that the Earl of Derby was about to set out for Gascony. Those who were in the service of the latter Earl were to make their way forthwith to Southampton.[4]

Early in July the King himself paid a short visit to Flanders in order to assure himself of the continued fidelity of the Flemings. This fact is incidentally mentioned in a writ sent to the Sheriffs on the 3rd August bidding them make proclamation for all barons, bannerets, knights, and esquires between the ages of sixteen and sixty to prepare to start for Gascony and Brittany to make an end of the war.[5] On the 28th the Mayor and Sheriffs were bidden to make strict search in the City for all such persons, and to send them to Portsmouth together with 320 archers.[6]

The fleet of the Port of London was to be brought to the Isle of Wight in charge of Robert Flambard and his fellow Serjeant-at-arms,[7] Richard atte Wode. As it was uncertain when the whole fleet would be ready to cross the sea, the Mayor and Sheriffs were more than once reminded to have their men-at-arms and archers ready at short notice.[8] The year closed, however, and the expedition had not yet started.

[1] *Infra*, pp. 118, 119, 120.
[2] *Infra*, p. 118.
[3] *Infra*, p. 122.
[4] *Infra*, p. 123.
[5] *Infra*, p. 129.
[6] *Infra*, p. 130.
[7] *Ibid.*
[8] *Infra*, pp. 131, 133.

The spring of 1346 was spent in continued preparations for war. Again the Sheriffs of London were called to make proclamation for all persons between the ages of sixteen and sixty to take up arms and to be at Portsmouth by mid-Lent [26 March]. Before the Earl of Derby carried out his design of proceeding to Gascony his father had died, and he had succeeded to the Earldom of Lancaster.[1] The archers who were to sail with him were now ordered to muster at Tothill fields in the early morning of the 28th March.[2] Still further delay took place before the main force was ready to start, and fresh orders were repeatedly sent to the City.[3] At length all was in readiness, and early in July the King and the Prince of Wales, accompanied by a large force, set sail for France, leaving behind them Lionel, the King's second surviving son, as guardian of the realm.[4] Their destination, which had been kept a profound secret,[5] was not, however, Brittany nor Gascony, but Normandy.

The campaign on which Edward and his son were now embarking resulted in the victory of Crecy and the capture of Calais, besides lesser exploits. An account of the early part of the campaign by the King himself was sent to the citizens of London "for their comfort," enclosed in a writ from the Regent, Lionel, to the Sheriffs, bidding them see that the King's dispatch was proclaimed in the Husting and elsewhere in the City.[6] This account is entered in the Letter-Book, and has been printed by Delpit, the French antiquary, in his work already mentioned. It is interesting to compare it with other accounts recorded by Murimuth and Avesbury.[7] In the account before us the King narrates how, after arriving at La Hogue,

[1] The exact date of his father's death is uncertain. It is clear from the Letter-Book that it must have taken place after the 11th June, 1345, for at that date the son is styled the Earl of Derby (*infra*, p. 123), although styled even then by some writers as the Earl of Lancaster.

[2] *Infra*, p. 138.

[3] *Infra*, p. 141.

[4] *Infra*, p. 142.

[5] Walsingham, 'Hist. Anglic.' (Rolls Series, No. 28), vol. i. pt. i. p. 267.

[6] *Infra*, pp. 142-3.

[7] Murimuth, 'Cont. Chron.'; Avesbury, 'De Gestis Edwardi Tertii' (Rolls Series, No. 93), pp. 202-4, 358-62.

near Barfleur, the expedition set out on Tuesday, the 18th July, for Valognes, which was taken; that thence it marched to Carentan, repairing on its way a bridge which had been broken by the enemy, and having made itself master also of that town, proceeded to Saint Lo, which it also took, after repairing another bridge;[1] that it then continued its march direct to Caen, where it arrived without having stopped for a single day's rest from the hour it set out from La Hogue.[2] Here, we are told, the army met with resistance. The town was assaulted, and after a stubborn fight was eventually taken without loss to the English, whilst a large number of the enemy were slain and others taken prisoners, among the latter being the Comte d'Eu, Constable of France, and Sire de Tankerville, the Chamberlain and Marshal of France.[3] Turning from the exploits of the army, the King proceeds to relate how, in the meantime, the fleet had ravaged the coast from Barfleur up to the dyke of "Coleville," near Caen, and had burnt the town of Cherbourg and a large number of vessels lying there. For these successes he calls upon his subjects to return thanks to God, by whose grace he hopes to bring the campaign to a fortunate and honourable end. The narrative concludes by notifying the return of the Earl of Huntingdon, invalided home, who would more fully inform the King's Council of the state of affairs, whilst the writ which accompanied the dispatch called upon the Sheriffs to see that reinforcements were got ready.

On the King's subsequent movements, culminating in the victorious battle fought against Philip at Crecy on the 26th August, the Letter-Book is altogether silent. All that can be gathered from its pages is the fact that the City raised a sum of 3,000 marks, one-third of which was made a free gift to the King, whilst the remainder was offered as a loan.[4] On the 3rd

[1] Described as *le pount Herbert*, it probably spanned the river Vire.

[2] *Saunz nul jour sojourner del hure qil departi de la Hoge, tanqe a sa venue illoes.* According to the account recorded by Avesbury the army did not reach Caen until Wednesday, the 26th July.

[3] *Qe estoit a la journee escriez Mareschal de Fraunce.*

[4] *Infra*, pp. 143-52.

September the King sat down before Calais prepared for a long siege. His forces, already greatly reduced by the recent battle, suffered a still further diminution by desertion, and he found it necessary, before the end of the month, to give orders to the Mayor and Sheriffs to seize all deserters, of whatever rank, found within their jurisdiction.[1] On the 3rd October the Regent, Lionel, sent two writs to the Sheriffs, one bidding them make proclamation for furnishing the King's army with provisions, and the other for an armed force to be sent to Sandwich by the 15th to assist him in the siege of Calais. Horses (*grossi equi*) were not to accompany the force, inasmuch as the place of disembarkation was close to the town.[2] At the close of the month the Sheriffs received another writ to the effect that no corn was to be exported except to Calais or to places in Flanders and Gascony.[3] The greatest precautions were to be taken against exportation elsewhere, the exporters being called upon to give surety at the outset, and also to produce certificates from officials in Flanders and Gascony that the corn exported for those countries had actually arrived there. The siege was maintained throughout the winter, and early in the following year (1347) steps were taken by the home Government to furnish the King with means to carry it on. A fleet was required, above all things, to occupy the harbour of Calais, and in order to obtain one the Regent directed his writ to the Sheriffs on the 15th February for the election of four citizens to attend a Council to be held in Lent to consider the matter.[4] Another writ of the same date ordered the Mayor and Sheriffs to seize all vessels in the Port of London for the King's service.[5]

A month later (15 March) the City was called upon to furnish two large ships, each of them manned with sixty well-armed seamen and twenty archers. These were to join the main fleet of 120 vessels under the Admiral of the West at Sandwich on Easter Monday, and were to be paid for out of a subsidy of 20,000 sacks of wool granted by a Council held by

[1] *Infra*, p. 154.
[2] *Infra*, pp. 153-4.
[3] *Infra*, p. 155.
[4] *Infra*, p. 158.
[5] *Infra*, p. 159.

the Regent at Westminster on the 3rd March.[1] In May the Sheriffs were ordered to make proclamation forbidding the exportation of wool before the King had levied his share of the wool of the country.[2]

In the meantime Pope Clement, who since his accession to the Papal chair on the death of Benedict XII. in 1342 had always shown himself anxious to mediate between Edward and Philip, had directed a letter to the former exhorting him to make peace. To this the King made reply[3] to the effect that he had always been ready to conclude a peace on reasonable terms; that God had ordained the crown of France to be his right and heritage; that he was being deprived of it by Philip; who was the real cause of the evils enumerated in the Pope's letter, and much more in the same strain.[4]

Nothing came of this interchange of letters. Edward did not relax his efforts to capture Calais, whilst Philip hastened preparations to raise the siege. On Tuesday, the 17th July, the French army mustered at Hesdin, a town situate about fourteen miles north-east of Crecy. On learning this, Edward sent home for additional forces to be forwarded to Calais with all speed.[5] On the 23rd the Regent dispatched a writ to the Mayor and Sheriffs for victuals to be sent as soon as possible to Calais, as Philip had pitched his camp, with an immense force, within three miles of the town, preparatory to making an attack on the English army. No attack was made, however. On the morning of Thursday, the 2nd August, the French army unexpectedly decamped, and on the following day Calais surrendered, to remain in the hands of the English for more than 200 years. A few days later (9th August) the King himself dispatched a writ of Privy Seal to the Mayor and Sheriffs, calling upon them to fit out the City's best ship, and send it forthwith to join the English fleet lying at Calais.[6] On the

[1] *Infra*, pp. 159-60.

[2] *Infra*, p. 163.

[3] The letter and reply are recorded *infra*, p. 161.

[4] This reply has not inaccurately been described by Delpit (*op. cit.*, p. cxxv) as "insolente à force d'ironie qu'y fit le roi d'Angleterre."

[5] *Infra*, pp. 165-6.

[6] *Infra*, p. 166.

12th the Regent caused proclamation to be made in the City, inviting merchants and others to go over to Calais with victuals and merchandise before the 1st September, promising, if they would do so, to afford them accommodation on easy terms.[1] A week later (20 August) he gave orders for the return to Calais of all persons who had left the army there and had returned to England. Transport would be ready for them at Sandwich and Dover, to convey them to Calais, by Sunday the 2nd September.[2] The reason for these hurried orders was a report that Philip was busy collecting another army for recapturing Calais, having heard that a portion of the English force had already been sent home.[3] Hostilities were not renewed, however, and on the 28th September a truce was signed to last until the 24th June, 1348.

Soon after the King's return to England he gave orders for supplying Calais with a sufficiency of corn,[4] so that the town might be prepared to withstand a siege if necessary. On the 13th November he summoned a Parliament to meet on the 14th January (1348). He knew the war was not popular, and was careful to explain that he was not summoning a Parliament for the purpose of raising money and imposing further burdens upon his subjects, but in order to take their advice and to consult with them for the common weal.[5] It was probably as an earnest of his good intentions that he gave orders that the tax of sixpence in the pound formerly imposed for the London fleet should no longer be collected, although the subsidy of 2*s.* on every sack of wool was still to be levied.[6] Both in this Parliament and in the Parliament held two months later, viz., on the 31st March, in which the King asked for money to enable him to meet the military preparations which were being made by Philip,[7] the Commons insisted upon redress of their grievances. Edward succeeded in effecting a compromise, and a fifteenth and tenth were granted for three years. On the expiration of

[1] *Infra*, p. 167.
[2] *Infra*, p. 167.
[3] Rymer, 'Fœdera,' vol. iii. pt. i. p. 135.
[4] *Infra*, p. 170.
[5] *Infra*, p. 171.
[6] *Infra*, p. 178.
[7] *Ibid.*

the truce at Midsummer, 1348, the Sheriffs received orders to forbid the holding of jousts and tournaments in the City—exercises that served very well as a pastime—and to command that the citizens should betake themselves to the more serious exercise of arms for the safety and defence of the realm against the King's enemies.[1] All immediate danger of a renewal of hostilities was averted, however, by an agreement for a truce for six weeks from the 13th September to the following 25th October.[2] Beyond this, and beyond a record of the fact that before the truce came to an end Edward was already gathering a force at Sandwich for service abroad,[3] the Letter-Book has nothing to say about military affairs until March, 1350,[4] the reason for this being that England and France were glad to come to terms in the face of the plague, commonly known as the Black Death, which was ravaging both countries.

This, the first of three epidemics[5] that visited this country during the reign of Edward III., appeared in England in August, 1348, and is said to have reached London by the following November, although no signs of it appear in the Letter-Book before June, 1349, when the Sheriffs received the King's orders to make proclamation enforcing the observance of an ordinance regulating the wages of servants and artificers, and forbidding the enhancement of the price of victuals in consequence of the pestilence.[6] This ordinance, which was originally made by the King and his Council, caused much disaffection, and had to be repeatedly enforced.[7] Two years later, however, viz., in 1351, it was enacted in a still more stringent form as a Statute, known as the "Statute of Labourers," on the petition

[1] *Infra*, p. 182.

[2] *Infra*, p. 183.

[3] *Infra*, p. 185.

[4] *Infra*, p. 205.

[5] The other two taking place in 1361 and 1369. The number of those that fell victims in the City to the Black Death has been variously computed, but all conjectures on the point must be received with caution. Stow, in his 'Survey' (Thoms's ed., p. 161), claimed authority for stating that 50,000 victims were buried within a year in the cemetery specially provided by Sir Walter Manny near the Charterhouse, whilst another authority states that more than 200 were buried in that cemetery alone between February and April, 1349. Avesbury (Rolls Series, No. 93), p. 407.

[6] *Infra*, p. 192.

[7] *Infra*, p. 199.

of the Commons, for whose benefit all fines imposed for breach of the Statute were to be devoted.[1] In the meanwhile the civic authorities had taken it upon themselves to afford relief to the inhabitants of the City who had been suffering from the unreasonable demands of servants and labourers. A schedule of wages and prices was drawn up, fixing the price of labour and material, down to the amount of money to be paid to a cook for making a rabbit-pie. The schedule might be varied by the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty according to the exigencies of the time, but the price for the time being was to be strictly observed, and men were elected from each Ward to see to it.[2]

We see other signs in the Letter-Book of the ravages of the plague in the record of the death of William Raven, a mercer, eight days after he had been appointed Weigher at the Small Balance,[3] and the increase in the number of orphans for whom the City was called upon to provide guardians.[4] Again, it is remarkable that, although by the end of 1349 the plague is recorded as having abated in the City[5] (*cessata jam pestilencia mortali*), more than half of the names of the Wardens appointed early in the following year to see that certain ordinances of the Shearmen were duly observed had to be struck out, as being the names of persons who were either dead or sick, or who had quitted the City, and others supplied in their places.[6] So many, indeed, were quitting not only the City but the country for fear of the plague, that the King had to forbid any one leaving the kingdom, even on a pilgrimage to Rome, without his special permission.[7] Already the pestilence in Europe, combined with the war between England and France, had so far put a stop to the flow of merchants to Rome that the citizens of London had applied in their corporate capacity to the Pope

[1] *Infra*, pp. 232, 243-4.

[2] *Infra*, pp. 212-13; 'Memorials,' pp. 253-8.

[3] *Infra*, p. 192.

[4] *Infra*, pp. 193-204, 210-11. At such a crisis time had to be taken by the forelock. Hence we find the appointment of a guardian for an infant being made the same day as its mother's will was proved in the Husting. *Infra*, p. 203.

[5] *Infra*, p. 210.

[6] *Infra*, p. 203.

[7] *Infra*, pp. 199, 201, 214, 222-3.

to nominate John de Worthyn, his chaplain, of the Dominican Order, to grant absolution and impose penances in the City when the interposition of his Holiness was not absolutely necessary. They further prayed his Holiness that in the event of the death of the chaplain, another Dominican Friar might be appointed in his place by the Prior and Convent of the Order, with the counsel and assent of the civic authorities.[1]

Instead of making another expedition to France, as Edward had intended to do, in the summer of 1350, he agreed to another truce with France, to last from the 13th June to the following 1st August, and for one year after.[2] Scarcely had the quarrel between England and France been again patched up, before England was menaced with danger from another direction. Philip de Valois died on the 22nd August (1350), and was succeeded by his eldest son John, Duke of Brittany, and although the latter was precluded by the truce from showing any overt hostility to England, he, like his father, encouraged the King of Spain, whose subjects had hitherto enjoyed Edward's protection,[3] in his attacks upon English merchantmen on the high seas. More than a month before Philip's death, Edward had learnt that Spain was collecting a naval force at "Swyne," and on the 24th July had written from Framingham in Norfolk informing the civic authorities of the fact, and of his intention to assemble a fleet at Sandwich for the purpose of meeting the enemy at sea. For this object he called upon the City to furnish him with two good ships, having a complement of armed men and archers, and victualled for a month at least.[4] The City, accordingly, fitted out two vessels, one the property of Andrew Turk (brother of the Mayor), and the other belonging to Goscelin de Cleve. The former carried forty armed men and sixty archers, whilst the latter carried thirty armed men and forty archers. This force, together with their pay, was raised by an assessment on the various Wards, and was dispatched to Sandwich on Friday, the 13th August, although, by the King's

[1] *Infra*, pp. 206-7.
[2] *Infra*, pp. 215.
[3] *Infra*, pp. 118, 124.
[4] *Infra*, pp. 216-17.

orders, they were to have arrived at that port by Sunday the 8th.[1] With the assistance thus furnished by the City, in addition to the main fleet, Edward succeeded in humbling for the first time the pride of Spain at sea.

Although the Spanish fleet was much crippled, Edward deemed it necessary to provide a convoy for the Bordeaux fleet, which sailed in the following autumn, and he sent orders to the Sheriffs to make proclamation in the City for all ships engaged in the wine trade to meet at Plymouth, and seek the protection of the Seneschal of Gascony and the Constable of Bordeaux.[2] On the 10th August of the following year (1351) the King was able to announce to the citizens that he had concluded peace with Spain for twenty years.[3]

For three years—viz., from April, 1348, until February, 1351—no Parliament had met, the government of the kingdom being carried on by ordinances of the King and his Council. Occasionally the City was called upon to send representatives to attend the Council, as they were in September, 1350,[4] but for the most part the Commons were not represented. Hence arose no little jealousy. At length a Parliament was summoned to meet on the 9th February, 1351. The writ of summons addressed to the Sheriffs of London was somewhat out of the ordinary run of such writs, for they were specially bidden to see that the City's representatives were not men gaining their living by pleading and maintaining quarrels, but solid, trustworthy men, who had the public good at heart.[5] As soon as the Parliament sat the Commons insisted upon embodying into a Statute (known as the "Statute of Labourers") the provisions made in Council in 1349 for regulating prices and wages, as already mentioned.

The same Parliament also enacted the "Statute of Cloths," a Statute which created no little commotion among the City traders.

[1] *Infra*, pp. 217-20.

[2] *Infra*, pp. 223-4. A twelvemonth before a Spanish fleet had sailed to Bordeaux and captured the wine-ships on their way home. Avesbury, p. 412.

[3] *Infra*, p. 234.

[4] *Infra*, p. 222.

[5] *Infra*, p. 226. The dislike of practising lawyers in Parliament displayed about this time is remarked upon by the late Bishop Stubbs ('Const. Hist.,' ii. 191n., 425).

In the first place, it declared that on and after a certain day all cloth should be measured by the King's Alnager, and be of a certain assize. The drapers, having laid in a large stock of cloth at Michaelmas last, and having experienced a bad season for trade, found themselves with the cloth left on their hands. They prayed, therefore, that the King's Alnager, or some one else, might be allowed to place the cloth, as it was, on the market either before or on the day prescribed, and promised that any cloth they bought in future should be of the assize ordained.[1] A second grievance caused by this Statute was the re-enactment of the Statute of York,[2] already mentioned as having granted free trade to the merchant stranger, and a veto put upon the interference of any municipal officer in the buying and selling of victuals.[3] It was soon seen that the removal of all municipal supervision in the sale of the necessaries of life might lead to a "corner" being made in these commodities. In order to prevent this the King took upon himself to send his writ to the Mayor and Sheriffs, three weeks after Parliament had risen, bidding them punish any victualler, whether wholesale or retail, found enhancing the price of victuals under cover of this enactment.[4]

If the year 1351 witnessed a departure from the usual mode of electing members to sit on the Council of the Kingdom by the exclusion of lawyers—or, at least, of such lawyers as gained their livelihood by champerty and maintenance—it also witnessed a remarkable (although but temporary) change in the manner of electing Commoners to assist the Mayor and Aldermen in the municipal government and sit on the Council of the City. The members of the Common Council had hitherto been elected from the Wards. We see from the Letter-Books[5] that this was the case in 1285, and again in 1347, the latter election

[1] *Infra*, pp. 229-30.

[2] *Infra*, p. 229.

[3] *Infra*, p. 230.

[4] *Infra*, p. 230.

[5] 'Cal. Letter-Book A,' pp. 209-10, and *infra*, p. 162. From another source we learn that in April, 1350, a precept was issued to the Aldermen to send four men from each Ward to attend at the Guildhall on a certain day to discuss matters affecting the City. 'Pleas and Memoranda,' Roll A 6, membr. 5.

taking place pursuant to an ordinance passed in October of the previous year, enforcing the attendance of Aldermen at elections of the Mayor and prescribing the number of representatives to take part in the general government of the City according to the size of each Ward.[1]

In November, 1351, we find, for the first time, this mode of election departed from. Instead of a precept being issued to each Alderman for the election of a certain number of members from his Ward to consult with the Mayor and Aldermen on the business of the City, we find a precept or "bill" addressed to two members of the principal "Misteries" or Guilds, bidding them summon the good men of their Mistery for the purpose of electing four members to attend at the Guildhall on City business whenever summoned by the Mayor, Sheriffs, and Aldermen.[2] The Misteries to whom this precept was sent numbered only thirteen, and the entire Common Council (excluding the Mayor and Aldermen) for this year consisted of no more than fifty-four members (some of the Misteries returning more than four, others less), as compared with a hundred and thirty-three which constituted the Council of 1347. This appears to be a unique instance of the Common Council having been elected from the Misteries before the year 1376, when an ordinance was passed to the effect that thenceforth the Council should be so elected instead of by the Wards.[3] This ordinance, however, only remained in force until 1383, when the right of election was restored to the Wards.[4]

On the 15th November, 1351, the King issued his writ for a Parliament to meet on the 13th January, the writ containing the same limitation as to men engaged in litigation for a livelihood not being allowed to sit as the writ for the last Parliament.[5] A fortnight later, victuallers were encouraged to come to Westminster during the Council Session, and sell their goods, under an assurance that they would not be interfered with by the King's Purveyors.[6] The abuse of purveyance

[1] *Infra*, pp. 304-6.
[2] *Infra*, pp. 237-9.
[3] Letter-Book H, fo. xlvi.
[4] *Id.*, fo. clxxiii.
[5] *Infra*, p. 240.
[6] *Infra*, *ibid.*

accounts, in a great measure, for the unpopularity of Edward III. and his father.[1] Whenever Parliament was about to sit at Westminster the price of food was immediately raised, either by the victuallers themselves, eager to put money in their pockets, or by the action of the King's Purveyors, who caused a scarcity of provisions by seizing all they could lay their hands on for the King's household. On the occasion of the last Parliament these hateful officials were expressly forbidden to intercept corn or other victual on the way to the City for fear of producing a scarcity.[2] The hardship inflicted by purveyance was aggravated in 1351 and 1352 by restrictions placed upon the exportation of corn, except to Calais, without the King's special licence.[3] In both years complaint was made in Parliament of the exactions of the King's officers,[4] with the result that some relief was obtained by the passing of a Statute known as the "Statute of Purveyors."[5] This Statute was of such importance to the citizens of London that the King ordered that it should be publicly read in the Husting.

The Letter-Book reminds us of another drawback arising from meetings of Parliament at Westminster, such meetings being often the occasion for a good deal of horse-play within the verge of the Palace, whilst quarrels frequently took place among bad characters, who ruffled it with sword or dagger. The nuisance had to be put down in 1352 by royal proclamation, which forbade any one appearing at Westminster or on the way from the City to Westminster at such times bearing any offensive or defensive arms, except the King's officers and those appointed for keeping the peace.[6]

In September, 1351, the truce between England and France was renewed for another year,[7] although a rupture had appeared imminent in the previous month of July, when Edward

[1] In 1325 the City had to complain of the manner in which houses had been appropriated for the King's use contrary to the City's charter. 'Cal. Letter-Book E,' pp. 206-7.

[2] *Infra*, p. 227.

[3] *Infra*, pp. 225, 241, 242, 244.

[4] 'Rot. Parl.,' ii. 227, 240.

[5] *Infra*, p. 244.

[6] *Infra*, p. 242; 'Memorials,' pp. 268-9.

[7] *Infra*, p. 237.

found it necessary to replenish his Exchequer by seizing all the property in the City belonging to merchants of the Hanse of Almaine.[1] The storm, however, blew over, but only to rise again a twelvemonth later, when the French King threatened Brittany with a large force. The City received a call to arms,[2] and Parliament was summoned to consider a course of action.[3] But before it met a battle had already been fought in which the English forces had come off victorious. After this success, if not in consequence of it, the truce between the two countries was renewed until the 11th November, 1353.[4] With the writ of summons for the second Parliament of 1352 the Letter-Book may be said to conclude so far as relates to the war with France.

Among miscellaneous matter recorded in the Letter-Book may be mentioned a deputation sent over in 1347 to the City by the Hanse of Almaine to complain of the action of the Sheriffs and Water-bailiffs in demanding custom and toll on merchandise imported by members of the Hanse, who, they said, "were enfranchised by the City by the composition touching Bishopsgate." The deputation consisted of Tideman de Lymberg, Hildebrand Suderman, and Tideman Coufot.[5] The first mentioned had assisted Edward by advancing money on the English regalia[6] at a time when the King was hard pressed; and on that account, perhaps, the goods of this Hanseatic merchant were exempted from seizure[7] in 1351, when the property of other members of the Hanse was taken into the King's hand, as just related. Hildebrand Suderman or Sutherman we hear of again as having been implicated in the murder of a merchant of Bristol, named Robert Curteys, who had been wrongfully charged with having committed a robbery in Flanders at a time when he was proved to have been in England.[8] For this reason Hildebrand was for some time

[1] *Infra*, p. 233.

[2] *Infra*, p. 247.

[3] It was to meet at Westminster on the 16th August. No restriction as to lawyers appears in the writ of summons, as appeared in the writs for the last two Parliaments. *Ibid.*

[4] Rymer, 'Fœdera,' vol. iii. pt. i. pp. 260-1.

[5] *Infra*, p. 174.

[6] Rymer, 'Fœdera,' vol. iii. pt. i. p. 7.

[7] *Infra*, p. 233.

[8] *Infra*, p. 236.

in disgrace with the King. He was eventually taken under the King's protection, although still debarred from commercial intercourse with England.[1] The deputation having laid their complaint before the civic authorities, the matter was duly examined, and search made in the 'Books of Memoranda' in the custody of the Chamberlain—by which we understand more particularly these Letter-Books of the City—for evidence bearing on the question, with the result that the claim of the Hanse merchants to be quit of toll was found to be justified, and moreover that any question arising as to toll or custom ought to be determined by their own Alderman, the Alderman of the Hanse, and not by the civic authorities.[2]

In the last two Letter-Books we find reference made to what was known as "Queen's Gold" (*aurum Reginæ*).[3] This was a sum of money paid to the Queen Consort by the King's tenants *in capite* on every fine made to the King,[4] and was in the proportion of one-tenth of each fine. It first appears in the City's records under date 1255, when Queen Eleanor, wife of Henry III., remitted to the citizens the "Queen's Gold" due for fines made and to be made, she having received therefor a satisfactory consideration.[5] When Parliament granted the King a tenth or fifteenth, it was usual for the City to pay a lump sum by way of composition. In 1334, and again in 1335, the amount paid by the City in respect of a fifteenth appears to have been 1,100 marks, one-tenth of which—viz., 110 marks—had, in addition, to be paid to Queen Philippa as "Queen's Gold."[6]

[1] *Infra*, pp. 240, 248.

[2] *Infra*, p. 174. See the composition between the citizens of London and the merchants of the Hanse as to the repair of Bishopsgate made in 1282, and recorded in Letter-Book C ('Cal. Letter-Book C,' p. 41). Cf. 'Liber Horn,' fos. 281 b *et seq.*; 'Liber Albus' (Rolls Series). i. 485-488; 'Cal. Letter-Book E,' p. 84.

[3] 'Cal. Letter-Book D,' pp. 246, 273; 'Cal. Letter-Book E,' p. 296.

[4] Madox, 'Hist. of the Exchequer, p. 240.

[5] 'Liber Cust.,' i. 38-9. The composition made on this occasion by the citizens was probably in respect of a fine paid to the King for restitution of the City's liberties. See Madox, *op. cit.*, p. 241.

[6] *Infra*, pp. 66-7, 68-9, 74, 78, 83, 85-6, 90.

It is to be noted that "Queen's Gold" was only payable on *fines* granted to or exacted by the King, and any attempt by the Barons of the Exchequer to exact it on occasions of free gifts by the City to the King was rigorously opposed. Thus in 1336 a demand was made for the payment of 50 marks by way of "Queen's Gold" in respect of a sum of 500 marks given as a free gift by the City to the King to assist him in the war with Scotland; but the King was eventually compelled to acknowledge that the claim was unjust, and issued his writ to the Barons to withdraw the demand.[1] On the other hand, a claim for "Queen's Gold" made in 1345 on a *fine* of 500 marks paid to the King for putting an end to the *Iter* of 1341, to which attention has already been drawn, was paid without a murmur.[2]

The mention of "Queen's Gold" in this connexion calls to mind the remarkable fact that for nearly ninety years there is no record of any coinage of gold having occurred in England. In 1257 a gold penny of the value of 20*d.* had been issued by Henry III., and since then no other gold coin appears to have been minted until 1343, when, as the Letter-Book informs us, three new gold pieces—bearing respectively on the obverse two leopards (lions?), one leopard, and a helm—of the value of 6*s.*, 3*s.*, and 1*s.* 6*d.*, were minted at the Tower of London. This new money was put in circulation in the City by a proclamation made on Sunday, the 1st February, 1344.[3] It was soon discovered, however, that these coins were over-valued in proportion to the silver coins then current,[4] and on that account were superseded after a few months by a new gold currency, consisting of a Noble of the value of 6*s.* 8*d.* (or half a mark), and a Half and Quarter Noble of proportionate value.[5] At the same time the King opened an Exchange in Bucklersbury, where a Noble could be exchanged for sterlings at a penny discount, a

[1] 'Cal. Letter-Book E,' pp. 296, 300. Cf. *infra*, pp. 68-70.

[2] *Infra*, pp. 61, 92, 97, 122.

[3] *Infra*, p. 94. A month later (2 March) the Sheriffs were again ordered to make proclamation for these gold pieces as well as some new silver sterlings of the old assay to pass current. *Infra*, p. 95.

[4] Ruding, 'Annals of the Coinage of Britain,' i. 421.

[5] See writs dated respectively 9 July and 20 Aug., 1344, *infra*, pp. 107, 109.

Half-noble at a halfpenny, &c., a premium being charged on the conversion of sterlings into Nobles. On the 20th April, 1345, the King ordered the Sheriffs of London to make proclamation to the effect that he had appointed "Courard Roirer"[1] and certain other merchants of "Dast"[2] to be money-changers in the cities of London, York, and Canterbury, and that they were to deal with the gold Noble at 6*s.* 6½*d.* as purchasers, and at 6*s.* 7½*d.* as vendors.[3] Another writ, much to the same effect, was issued from "Suthwyk" on the 20th July following,[4] whilst yet another was sent to the Sheriffs from the Tower of London on the 10th September, the same year.[5] In August and October of the following year (1346) the King had occasion again to enforce previous orders for the new gold pieces to be accepted as currency, and to forbid the importation of base coin from the Continent.[6] The base coin thus imported was known as "Lussheburghs,"[7] from their having emanated originally (as is supposed) from Luxemburg, and their circulation in the City was peremptorily forbidden by the King in February, 1348.[8] Three years later, viz., in 1351, the King, with the advice of his Council, not only caused a new issue of gold pieces to be made, but also introduced into England a new silver coin with the Flemish or Dutch name of "Gros," of the value of four sterlings, and a Half-gross of proportionate value. The coin is better known to us by the English term "groat."[9]

Another notable event recorded in the Letter-Book is a decree made in 1344 by the Mayor and Aldermen, with the assent of the leading Mercers,[10] or retail dealers in small wares,

[1] "Conrad Royer" in a writ to similar effect, dated 20 July of the same year, as printed in 'Rot. Parl.,' ii. 452. *Vide infra*, p. 127.

[2] Probably Diest, near Louvain.

[3] *Infra*, p. 120.

[4] *Infra*, p. 127.

[5] *Infra*, p. 131.

[6] *Infra*, pp. 143, 154.

[7] Spelt "Lussheboumes" in 'Rot. Parl.,' ii. 167.

[8] *Infra*, pp. 177-8.

[9] *Infra*, p. 232.

[10] The Mercers of London elected (or took part in the election of) the weigher at the Small Beam or Balance, just as the Grocers or wholesale dealers using the *peso grosso* elected the weigher at the Great (or King's) Beam or Balance.

of the City, to the effect that the Small Beam or Balance should be re-made (*de novo fabricetur*) and furnished with new weights. It was further decreed that the new machine should have a tongue and cleft, like modern balances, and that in weighing goods the tongue should be allowed to stand up straight and evenly within the cleft (*sub cloffo*[1]), and not incline to one side or the other.[2] This appears to have been a new departure.

In 1305 Edward I. had attempted to introduce the system of weighing evenly by the balance in the City to accommodate the foreign merchants resorting there, the weigher being instructed to see that the balance stood evenly after removal of his hands (there being at that time, apparently, no tongue and cleft); but the citizens objected to the innovation as being opposed to the custom that had long prevailed in the City of giving an over-draught (*tractus* or *tret*) to the purchaser.[3] Four years later, however (viz., in 1309), the civic authorities came to terms with the foreign merchants, and it was agreed to weigh evenly all goods bought and sold by weight (*averia ponderis*), whether weighed by the Great or the Small Beam.[4] A clause to similar effect was inserted in the Statute of Staples of 1353, set out in Letter-Book G,[5] but the latter distinctly mentions the tongue of the balance, which the ordinances of 1305 and 1309 do not.

In 1339 circumstances arose which led to the claim of the civic authorities to seize all felons found within the City and to commit them to Newgate until the next gaol delivery being

[1] The term *cloffus* does not appear in Du Cange or in any other dictionary, so far as I am aware, but there can be little doubt of it being used here to represent the "cloffe," cleft or fork of a balance in which the tongue plays. It is probably connected with Lat. *clavus*, Engl. *clove*. It is suggested that the meaning of *sub cloffo* may be identical with another phrase found in connexion with weighing in the City's records nearly a century earlier, viz., *per medium clavum* ('Liber de Antiquis,' Camden Soc., p. 25), although it is a question if the balance at that time was fitted with a tongue and cleft.

[2] *Infra*, pp. 113-14.

[3] 'Cal. Letter-Book C,' pp. 127-8.

[4] 'Cal. Letter-Book D,' pp. 209-10.

[5] 2 Stat. 27 Edward III. cap. x.; Letter-Book G, fos. xii b-xv.

recognized by Parliament. The circumstances were these: The Sheriff of Lincoln having received orders for the arrest of Alan Ryngolf, of Boston, to answer certain charges of trespass, failed to bring up the prisoner, owing to his having been arrested in the City by the Sheriffs of London on a charge of robbery committed at Boston. Thereupon the Sheriffs of London were called upon to answer for their conduct at Westminster, and so well did they plead on behalf of the City's franchise that it was adjudged that, inasmuch as the robbery for which Alan had been arrested in the City was more odious (*magis odiosa*) than the trespasses with which he was originally charged, he should be remitted to Newgate in their custody until the next gaol delivery.[1]

In 1348 we find the burgesses of Reading complaining that the Sheriffs of London illegally exacted toll and custom on their goods entering the City, contrary to their charter as recorded in Letter-Book C (or the "Greater Black Book") in the Chamber of the Guildhall;[2] and in 1351 the citizens of Oxford claimed the right to assize of bread and ale on the ground that they enjoyed the same chartered rights and privileges as the citizens of London.[3] These and similar matters bearing upon the liberties and customs of the City serve to illustrate the City's history in the Middle Ages, and add to the interest of the Letter-Book.

In conclusion, the reader's attention is drawn to what is by no means the least interesting feature of the Letter-Book, viz., a list of Mayors and Sheriffs from the earliest times down to 1548. The list may be divided into two parts, viz., the record of Mayors and Sheriffs down to the twenty-eighth year of Edward III. (the year in which the Letter-Book practically ends), entered, apparently, by one and the same hand, and probably in that year; and the record of subsequent Mayors and Sheriffs written by various hands and at divers times. This list has been collated with the Mayors and Sheriffs recorded in the

[1] *Infra*, pp. 34-5.

[2] *Infra*, p. 176. Cf. 'Cal. Letter-Book C,' p. 82.

[3] *Infra*, pp. 239-40, 242.

City's 'Liber de Antiquis' (translated and edited by the late H. T. Riley under the title 'Chronicles of the Mayors and Sheriffs of London, A.D. 1188—1274'); but it should also be studied in connexion with other lists printed in an appendix to what is generally known as 'Gregory's Chronicle' (the author being, as is supposed, William Gregory, skinner, Sheriff in 1436, Mayor in 1451), published by the Camden Society in 1876 under the careful editorship of Dr. James Gairdner, and also with a list of Sheriffs of London and Middlesex printed under the auspices of Sir Henry Maxwell-Lyte, Deputy-Keeper, Public Record Office ('Lists and Indexes,' No. ix.), in 1898.

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CALENDAR OF LETTER-BOOKS

OF THE

CITY OF LONDON.

LETTER-BOOK F.

Be it remembered that in the house called "la Bretask,"[1] near the Tower of London, there are 7 springalds and 380 quarels feathered with "latone" and with heads; and 500 quarels feathered with wood, with heads, and 29 cords called "strenges." Also 8 bows of ash for the same springalds. Fly-leaf.

Also at Alegate, viz.: beyond the gate thereof, 1 springald with 2 "strenges" and a "faussecord" for the same. Also 40 quarels feathered with "latone" and headed with iron.

Also in the Chamber of the Guildhall there are 6 instruments of "latone" called (*vocata*) "Gonnes," with 5 "teleres"[2] for the same. Also pellets of lead for the same instruments which weigh 400 lb. and a half. Also 32 lb. of powder for the said instruments.

[1] Cf. *infra*, p. 16n. There was also a tenement so called in the parish of All Hallows the Less, in Dowgate Ward. Hust. Rolls 62 (102), 76 (262).

[2] This is the correct reading, and not "roleres," as misread by the editor of the 'Memorials' (p. 205), who on that account was led into a further mistake of supposing the guns in question to be heavy ordnance instead of hand-guns fitted with "tillers" or stocks. Another misreading of "vocitata" for "vocata" on his part led him also to remark that heavy ordnance "had then become comparatively well known," a statement open to doubt. The fly-leaf on which these memoranda are recorded is much creased, and some of the writing had already become obliterated in 1868, when the 'Memorials' were compiled. It is a matter, therefore, for congratulation that Sir Benjamin Stone, M.P., has recently succeeded in taking an excellent photograph of the folio.

7 Oct., 14 Edward III. [A.D. 1340], came John Lovekyn, "sherman," now draper and citizen of London, before Richard de Berkynge, Alderman, and Thomas de Maryns, Chamberlain, and acknowledged satisfaction of all debts due to him by Robert de Waltham.

Memorandum touching a springald with 80 quarels feathered with "latone" and headed with iron, and 2 "strenges" and a fauss[ecord]....."bowes" of ash for the same, and 24 targes of the same pattern as other targes (*de secta aliorum targiorum*) delivered to William Haunsard, under penalty.....to the Commonalty, as he allowed before Henry Darci, the Mayor, and the Aldermen, &c.

Fo. i.

L'ra Joh'is de Syndlesham et Walt'i de Mordon' ad conservand' Societatem Bardor' indempn' de iiij^{xx}x *floren'.* *sol.* ij*s.* vj*d.*

Deed of acquittance by John de Syndlesham, called John de Bedyngtone, brother and heir of Sir Richard de Syndlesham, deceased, and Walter de Mordone, citizens and burgesses of London, to Dino Fozortti, of the Society of the Bardi of Florence, for the sum of 90 gold florins of Florence due to the late Sir Richard, and covenant to indemnify the said Dino and Society in respect of the said payment. Dated 19 July, 11 Edward III. [A.D. 1337].

Electio custod' Pont'.

Friday before the Feast of SS. Simon and Jude [28 Oct.], 11 Edward III. [A.D. 1337], Henry Cros elected Warden of the Bridge and sworn, &c., before Sir John de Pulteneye, the Mayor, John de Grantham, Gregory de Nortone, John Hamond, and John de Caustone, Aldermen.

De denar' a civibus mutuat'.

A memorandum [*inter alia*] to the effect that the lord the King owed the good men of London for loans made in the Mayoralty of Andrew Aubrey and Richard Lacer the sum of £6,333 6*s.* 8*d.*

Fo. i b.

De uno mes' cum pert' in suburbio London' quod co'itas London' pet' v' Ep'm de Bedelem.

The Commonalty of the City of London, by Ralph Pecok their attorney, demand against Hugh, Bishop of Bedleem, a certain messuage in the suburb of London. The said Bishop defends the right and puts himself on an inquest of the country, after the manner of a Great Assize, according to the custom of the City, as to whether he has not the greater right to the said messuage as the right of his church of St. Mary de Bedleem.

Accordingly, let twenty-four be summoned against the next Court, &c.

Pleas of land held on Monday the morrow of H. Trinity [9 June], 25 Edward I. [A.D. 1297]. Proceedings touching the above messuage. After making default, the Bishop appears by his attorney, but fails to maintain his defence. Judgment for the Commonalty.

The account of Thomas de Maryns, the Chamberlain, of the receipt of 1,100 marks granted to King Edward III. for a fifteenth at his Parliament held at Westminster the morrow of the Exaltation of H. Cross [14 Sept.],[1] *the eighth year of his reign [A.D. 1334], which fifteenth was collected in the ninth year, viz.:* Fo. ii.

Of William Box and his fellows, collectors of Tower Ward, £56.

Of Adam Pykeman, &c., of the Ward of Billyngesgate, £30.

Of John Lovekyn, &c., of the Ward of Bridge, £51 18*s.* 8*d.*, viz., of £53 assessed in the said Ward.

Of Maurice Turgis, &c., of the Ward of Alegate, £7.

Of Peter de Westone, &c., of the Ward of Portsokne, £8.

Of William de Sabrichesworth, &c., of the Ward of Lymestrete, 27*s.* 8*d.*

Of Laurence Sely, &c., of the Ward of Walebroke, £48 13*s.* 4*d.*, viz., of £50 assessed in the said Ward.

Of Henry de Norhamptone, &c., of the Ward of Bisshopesgate, £22.

Of Robert atte Conduyt, &c., of the Ward of Cornhull, £15.

Of John de Sothereye, &c., of the Ward of Langebourne, £19 9*s.* 4*d.*, viz., of £21 assessed.

Of Thomas de Wynton', &c., of the Ward of Candelwykestrete, £16.

Of Henry de Prestone, &c., of the Ward of Douegate, £35.

Of Nicholas atte Mersshe, &c., of the Ward of Bradestrete, £26.

Of Thomas de Waledene, &c., of the Ward of Chepe, £72 9*s.* 4*d.*

[1] According to other authorities the second Parliament of 1334 sat from the 19th to the 23rd Sept. Stubbs, 'Const. Hist.,' ii. 377n.

Of Peter atte Corner, &c., of the Ward of Aldresgate, £4 14*s.* 8*d.*

Of John de Dallynge, &c., of the Ward of Bassieshawe, £6 18*s.*, viz., of £7 assessed.

Of Alan de Tychewell, &c., of the Ward of Queenhithe, £22 3*s.* 4*d.*, viz., of £23 assessed.

Of Simon de Turnham, &c., of the Ward of Castle Baynard, £9 16*s.* 4*d.*

Of John Kyng, &c., of the Ward of Colmanstrete, £19.

Of John de Gloucestre, &c., of the Ward of Bredstrete, £37.

Of John de Bredstrete, &c., of the Ward of Cordewanerstrete, £72 16*s.*

Of Henry le Palmere, &c., of Vintry, £43 3*s.* 4*d.*

Of Geoffrey atte Gate, &c., of the Ward of Farndone Within, £50 6*s.* 8*d.*, viz., of £54 assessed.

Of Reginald de Thorpe, &c., of the Ward of Farndone Without, £30, viz., of £32 assessed.

Of William de Pertenhale, &c., of the Ward of Crepelgate Within, and of John Marchaunt, &c., of the Ward of Crepelgate Without, £50.

Sum total of assessment, £775 12*s.*

Whereof the Chamberlain received £754 16*s.* 8*d.*, out of which there was paid £733 6*s.* 8*d.* to Master Paul de Montefiore (*Monte Florum*), the King's Clerk; and there remains £21 10*s.* Also paid for cloth and shearing for a surcoat for the King's Serjeant-at-Arms, 109*s.* 5*d.* Also to the King's messenger, to the Queen's rein-bearer (*ductori freni*), and minstrels, 68*s.* 8*d.*, &c.[1]

Fo. ii b. The account of Thomas de Maryns, the Chamberlain, rendered before Reginald de Conduit, and Ralph de Uptone, Alderman (*aldermanno*), and Richard de Welleford, commoner, auditors assigned by the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty in the Husting of Pleas of Land held on Monday the Feast of St. Dunstan [19 May], 11 Edward III. [A.D. 1337], of payments and receipts made from Monday before the Feast of the Purification [2 Feb.], 9 Edward III. [A.D. 1334–5], on which day

[1] For further particulars see 'Memorials,' p. 198.

he was admitted to the office of Chamberlain, to the Feast of the Ascension, viz., 29 May, anno 11 Edward III. [A.D. 1337].

Total of receipts, £104 19*s.*

Total of expenses, £103 and 22*d.*

Money collected and borrowed for ships sent to sea temp. Reginald de Conduit, Mayor, and Thomas de Maryns, Chamberlain, anno 10 Edward III. [A.D. *1336*]. Fo. iii.

From John de Tholouse, 60*s.*; Andrew Portenar, 100*s.*; John Anketill, 100*s.*; John de Prestone, 60*s.*; William de Thorneye, 60*s.*; John de Stontone, 60*s.*; John de Gloucestre, 60*s.* William de Mordone, 50*s.*; William de Ware, 60*s.*; Robert Wynhelm, 60*s.*; Richard Costantyn, 60*s.*; John de Grantham, 100*s.*; John de Brendewode, 60*s.*; Richard de Lomhethe, 60*s.*; Richard de Kyselyngbery, 60*s.*; Bartholomew Thomasyn, 60*s.*; Richard Ascelyn, 60*s.*; Thomas de Holdene, 60*s.*; John de Oxon', 100*s.*; William de Briklesworth, 100*s.*; Simon de Mereworth, 60*s.*; Hereman le Skyppere, 60*s.*; Henry Wymond and William Box, 100*s.*; Andrew Aubry, 60*s.*; William de Stanes, 60*s.*

Total, £86 10*s.*

[Here follow particulars of disbursements, which are set out in Riley's 'Memorials,' p. 198.]

Thursday after the Feast of St. Andrew [30 Nov.], 11 Edward III. [A.D. 1337], came Philip Gentil, senior, before John de Pulteneye, the Mayor, and the rest of the Aldermen and Thomas de Maryns, the Chamberlain, and covenanted to answer for the property demised by Walter le Ussher,[1] tanner, to his daughters Sarah, Alice, and Johanna. Surety, Stephen le Cotiller. Fo. iii b. *De pueris Walteri le Ussher.*

Names of those who lent the money underwritten for making presents to the King, the Queen, and other magnates temp. John de Pulteneye, Mayor, and Thomas de Maryns, Chamberlain, viz., at the Parliament held on Monday after the Feast of St. Matthias [*24 Feb.*], *11 Edward III.* [A.D. *1336–7*].[2] *For which money so lent each of them has a bill under seal of the Chamber in these words, viz.:—* Fo. iv.

There are due to Peter de Triple, spicer, of the assize next

[1] His will dated December, 1336; enrolled in Court of Husting in the following May. 'Cal. of Wills,' i. 420.

[2] Sat on the 3rd March. Stubbs, 'Const. Hist.,' ii. 378n.

to be levied in the City of London 20 shillings sterling, which he lent for making presents to the King, Queen, and other magnates, Saturday before the Feast of the Epiphany of our Lord [6 Jan.], 10 Edward III. [A.D. 1335-6]. In witness whereof the seal of the Chamber of the Guildhall to these presents has been set. Dated in the Guildhall aforesaid, the aforesaid day and year.

Peter de Triple, spicer, 40*s.*; Robert de Hennewode, vintner, 40*s.*; "Torro" Ody, Lombard, 20*s.*; Laurence de Braughynge, 60*s.*; Gore le Spicer, 60*s.*; John de Dallynge, 40*s.*; John de Aylesham, 60*s.*; Robert Swote, 20*s.*; John Gut, spicer, 100*s.*; Roger de Forsham, 100*s.*; Adam Lucas, 40*s.*; Ralph de Lenne, 40*s.*; Richard le Mirorer, 60*s.*; John Knopwede, 40*s.*; Goscelin Osbarn, 40*s.*; Thomas atte Wyche, 30*s.*; John Lovekyn, 60*s.*; Bartholomew Thomasyn, spicer, 100*s.*; William de Rothynge, 40*s.*; Henry de Prestone, 40*s.*; Bartholomew Deumars, 60*s.*; William de Mordone, 20*s.*; Henry de Braughynge, 60*s.*; Thomas Bole, "ferroun," 60*s.*; John de Oxon', 100*s.*; Geoffrey le Tableter, 40*s.*; Geoffrey Aleyn, fishmonger, 40*s.*; John Hauteyn, 40*s.*; William le Hore, 40*s.*; William Haunsard, 100*s.*; Richard de Lincoln, 40*s.*; William de Cave, 40*s.*; Thomas Hauteyn, 40*s.*; John de Godestone, 40*s.*; Richard le Long, "pessoner," 100*s.*; Simon de Bronnesford, 40*s.*; Walter Turk, 60*s.*; John Cotoun, 40*s.*; Robert de Eynesham, 40*s.*; Thomas Cavendisshe, 40*s.*; Robert de Thorneye, 60*s.*; William de Wyrcestre, "felmonger'," 40*s.*; Walter Neel, 60*s.*; John Syward, 40*s.*; John Fynch, "vineter," 40*s.*; Roger de Bernes, 20*s.*; Adam de St. Alban, 40*s.*; Gilbert le Palmere, 40*s.*; William de Thorneye, 40*s.*; Burnet Lespicer, 40*s.*; John Anketill, 40*s.*; Henry Cros, 40*s.*; Michael Mynot, 20*s.*; John de Westwyk, "chaundeler," £3; John de Romeye, 40*s.*; William de Wetheresfeld, 40*s.*; Thomas de Wynton', 20*s.*; John Hablount, 60*s.*; John de Croydone, 40*s.*; John Lambyn, 30*s.*; William de Ware, 60*s.*; John Pecche, "taillour," 40*s.*; John de Triple, 20*s.*; Roger le Chaundeler, 40*s.*;
Fo. iv b. Walter Paterlynge, 40*s.*; Walter de Moredone, 40*s.*; Richard de Stondone, 40*s.*; John de Tholouse, 40*s.*; Richard de Rothynge, 100*s.*; Nicholas Pongge, 20*s.*; Thomas de Holedene, 40*s.*;

Hugh de Portesmouthe, 20*s.*; Geoffrey de Wyntertone, 40*s.*; Roger de Ely, 20*s.*; Henry Wymond, 20*s.*; the executors of the will of Walter le Ussher, 100*s.*; Robert de Manhale, 100*s.*; William Box, 40*s.*; Thomas de Worsted, 20*s.*; Hugh de St. Neot, 20*s.*; Nicholas Hotot, woolmonger, 20*s.*; Simon le Bakere, 40*s.*; William Brangwayn, 20*s.*; Robert le Ropere, 40*s.*; Gilbert de Mordone, 20*s.*; Richard de Lamhuthe, 20*s.*; Richard Double, 10*s.*; John de Ware, 20*s.*; Adam Aspal, 20*s.*; Nicholas de Dunstaple, junior, 20*s.*; Thomas de Bury, 40*s.*; John de Pastone, 20*s.*; Roger de Shorne, 20*s.*; Theobald de Caustone, 20*s.*; John Hosebond, 60*s.*; William Aylleward, 20*s.*; Thomas de Waledene, 20*s.*; Richard de Carletone, 20*s.*; William de Neuport, 20*s.*; Roger atte Ponde, 40*s.*; Alan Gille, 40*s.*; Geoffrey atte Gate, 20*s.*; Gilbert Pany, 20*s.*; Adam de Wrastlyngworth, 20*s.*; Simon de Mereworth, £4; Henry atte Rothe, 40*s.*; James Gurnay, "sherman," 20*s.*; William de Hoo, "cordewaner," 60*s.*; John atte Sole, 20*s.*; William de Pertenhale, 20*s.*; John de Nortone, 20*s.*; Hamo le Barbier, 40*s.*; Henry le Cheyner, 40*s.*; Robert de Gildeford, 40*s.*; Gilbert de Bromele, fishmonger, 20*s.*; Richard de Reynham, mercer, 40*s.*; Hereman le Skippere, 20*s.*; William Clapitous, 40*s.*; John Trappe, 20*s.*; William de Stanes, 40*s.*; Walter de Lyndewode, 20*s.*; Thomas atte Vine, 20*s.*; John Thurgode, 20*s.*; Robert de Chesthunte, one mark; Richard atte Gate, 20*s.*; Alice la Northerne, 20*s.*; Simon atte Gate, 20*s.*; John Odyerne, 20*s.*; Stephen Lucas, 20*s.*; Robert atte Gate, 20*s.*; William de St. Helen, 40*s.*; Richard le Kyng, 20*s.*; William de Lyndeseye, 20*s.*; Thomas Broun, 20*s.*

Drapers.

Henry Darci, 100*s.*; Richard Costantyn, 40*s.*; Richard de Berkynge, 40*s.*; Hugh le Marberer, 100*s.*; Hugh de Dedham, 60*s.*; Richard de Welleford, 40*s.*; Maurice Turgys, 40*s.*; Ralph de Uptone and John Someresham, 60*s.*; Thomas de Swanland, 60*s.*; John de Keselyngbery, 40*s.*; Geoffrey le Botiller, 20*s.* Total, £30.

Philip Dykeman, 10*s.*; William de Caustone, 100*s.*; Robert de Wyke, Robert de Shordyche, John de Toppesfeld, £4;

Fo. v William de Grubbelane, 20*s.*; Henry de Denecombe, 20*s.*; William de Poumfreyt, 60*s.*; Gilbert le Tymbermongere, 20*s.*; Malyna atte Vine, 30*s.*; Thomas de Farnham, 20*s.*; Roger Madour, 20*s.*; John de Herewardstoke, 40*s.*; John Leche, 20*s.*; Richard Ascelyn, 40*s.*; Ralph de Grauntebregge, 20*s.*; Richard Denys, 20*s.*; Thomas atte Rededore, 20*s.*; John Oweyn, skinner, 20*s.*; Thomas Leggy, 20*s.* Nicholas Crane, 60*s.*; John Bonet, 20*s.*; Ralph de Halstede, called Nunthay, 20*s.*; Richard Lacer, 100*s.*; Johanna, wife of William de St. Alban, 20*s.*; John Hamond, 100*s.*; John Deynes, 10*s.*; John de Grantham, 60*s.*; John Fychet, 20*s.*; Nicholas atte Mersshe, 13*s.* 4*d.*; John Myls, 20*s.*; William Bronne, "ferroun," 20*s.*; Peter de Westone, "pottere," 20*s.*; Agnes Lucas, 60*s.*; Thomas Curteys, 13*s.* 4*d.*; Gilbert de Sarum, 20*s.*; Adam de Kyngestone, 13*s.* 4*d.*; Henry de Combemartyn, 40*s.*; William Shep, 10*s.*; the executors of Geoffrey de Halywell, 20*s.*; Walter Page, 10*s.*; William Beauflour, 40*s.*; Adam Pykeman, 20*s.*; Simon Fraunceys, 60*s.*; John de Mockynge, 40*s.*; John de Prestone, corder, 60*s.*; Thomas de Ware, fishmonger, 13*s.* 4*d.*; John Cole, "brassour," 20*s.*; Nicholas de Caustone, 13*s.* 4*d.*

Sum total, £369.

[Here follow particulars of disbursements of the above money, all of which are printed in the 'Memorials' (pp. 198, 199), with the exception of the sum of 160 marks expended on obtaining a writ of acquittance for the citizens, and another sum of £14 expended on obtaining another writ for raising the cost of three ships sent to sea in aid of the King's war, and other writs affecting the City.]

Fo. v b. Also the aforesaid Thomas de Maryns, the Chamberlain, received from a certain assessment made in the City by assent of Sir John de Pulteneye, the Mayor, the Aldermen, and Commonalty before the Feast of the Nativity of St. John Bapt. [24 June], 11 Edward III. [A.D. 1337], for sending archers into Gascony in the King's service and other expenses incurred in obtaining a charter annulling a certain statute which was opposed

to the liberties of the City,[1] and for the repair of the gates of Aldresgate and Crepelgate and the wall hard by, &c., viz.:—

Of John Yon and his fellow-collectors of the Ward of Billyngesgate, £18.

Of Thomas de Waledene, &c., of the Ward of Chepe, £42 10*s.*

Of Nicholas Pong, &c., of Bisshopesgate, £14.

Of Henry atte Lanend, &c., of Candelwyk, £9.

Of Maurice Turgis, &c., of Alegate, £4 10*s.*

Of Simon Turgis, &c., of Tower, £28 10*s.*

Of Ralph de Cantebrege, &c., of Cornhulle, £9.

Of Richard de Welleford, &c., of Cordewanerstrete, £41.

Of Peter le Coffrer, &c., of Bradestrete, £15 17*s.*

Of William de Cave, &c., of Walebroke, £27.

Of John de Croydone, &c., of Bridge, £31 15*s.*

Of John Tiffeld, &c., of Bredstrete, £22 8*s.*

Of John Tornegold, &c., of Castle Baynard, £6.

Of William Pertenhale, &c., of Crepelgate Within, £21.

Of William de Wrotham, &c., of Langebourn, £11.

Of John Dallynge, &c., of Bassieshawe, £4 10*s.*

Of William de Neuport, &c., of Queenhithe, £14 13*s.*

Of John Kyng, &c., of Colemanstrete, £11 5*s.*

Of Robert de Cantebrege, &c., of Aldresgate, 60*s.*

Of William de Toppesfeld, &c., of Farndon Without, £15 8*s.*

Of Robert Shordyche, &c., of Farndon Within, £31 6*s.* 8*d.*

Of Henry Moncoy, &c., of Vintry, £21 10*s.*

Of Henry Denecombe, &c., of Crepelgate Without, £10.

Of Bartholomew Deumars, &c., of Douegate, £21.

Of John de Romeneye, &c., of Portsokne, £3 5*s.*

Total, £438 7*s.* 8*d.*

[1] A statute made in the Parliament held at York in 1335 permitting free trade to natives and foreigners alike, notwithstanding previous charters. By letters patent dated 26 March, 1337, the liberties of the City of London were especially conserved from the operation of the statute. (*Vide infra*, pp. 14-15.) In 1350 a statute was passed (25 Edward III. cap. ii.) confirming the statute of York notwithstanding any charter to the contrary. *Vide infra*, fo. cxcvii. Cf. 'Statutes at Large' (ed. 1758), i. 271.

Fo. vi.

Script' int' Henr' de Arderne de Henlee dimittent' et Ric'm Rosse recipient' etc.

Indenture of lease from Henry de Arderne de Henlee to Richard Rosse, corder, of a brewery, shops, &c., in the parish of St. Nicholas Olof in Bredstrete for a term of four years. Sealed during the Mayoralty of John de Pulteneye, Knt., and the Shrievalty of John de Northalle and William Curteys de Briklesworth, R[ichard] de Rothynge being Alderman of the Ward,[1] &c. Witnesses, William de Ware, Richard de Ware, John le Coroner, Maurice le Ropere, &c. Dated Wednesday before the Feast of St. Margaret [20 July], 11 Edward III. [A.D. 1337].

Br'e pro quingentis hominibus mittend' apud Portesmuth.

Writ to the Mayor and Sheriffs for providing 500 foot soldiers armed with "aketone," bacinet, lance, &c., to be sent to Portesmuth by the eve of Pentecost [8 June] for transmission abroad. Witness the King at Westminster, 24 March, 11 Edward III. [A.D. 1336-7].

Fo. vi b.

Aliud br'e pro quingentis hominibus apud Portesmuth mittendis.

Writ to the same extending the time for the above foot soldiers to be at Portesmuth until Trinity Sunday [15 June]. Witness the King at Wyndesore, 10 April, 11 Edward III. [A.D. 1337].

Br'e pro proclamacione quod homines d'ni Regis electi sint apud Portesmuth in festo Sc'e Trinitatis.

Writ to the same for proclamation to be made that the above foot soldiers, as well as the masters and seamen of ships seized for the King's use, be at Portesmuth with the said ships by Trinity Sunday. Witness the King at Wyndesore, 27 April, 11 Edward III. [A.D. 1337].

Br'e ad supersedend' de cc hominibus mittendis apud Portesmuth ad requisicionem d'ni Joh'is de Pulteneye Maioris et ad mittend' ibidem cc homines sagittarios.

Writ to the same complaining of their dilatoriness in executing the King's orders, as well as of the physique of the men selected for his service, and bidding them select 200 archers of the 500 men required, from among the strongest and healthiest men of the City, to be ready in the quinzaine of the Nativity St. John Bapt., the selection of the remainder being postponed at the request of John de Pulteneye, the Mayor. Witness the King at Staunford, 1 June, 11 Edward III. [A.D. 1337].

[1] Queenhithe.

Letters patent to the effect that the aid furnished by the City for the Duchy of Aquitaine should not be drawn into precedent. Witness the King at Staunford, 1 June, 11 Edward III. [A.D. 1337]. Fo. vii.

Br'e quod missio hominum extra civitatem non cedat in prejudicium civitatis.

Writ to the Mayor and Sheriffs for the delivery of the above-mentioned 200 archers to John de Norwych to proceed with him to the Duchy. Dated at Claryndon,[1] 1 Aug., 11 Edward III. [A.D. 1337].

Br'e ad deliv'and' sagittar' d'no Joh'i de Norwyco.

Names of archers sent to parts of Gascony by the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of London in aid of the King's war with the King of France, 4 Aug., 11 Edward III. [A.D. *1337*]. Fo. vii b.

Henry Garlaund, vintainer[2] and centainer,[3] finds surety for himself and his vintaine, viz., Richard Costantyn and John le Kyng de Wodestrete, and has under him, viz.:—

Nicholas Esher, John Youn, John de Kyngeswode, William de Bardeneye, Henry de Egyntone, Walter de Wylleye, William de Lenham, Walter Somery, Nicholas de Went, Matthew de Went, John de Went, John de Shyngelton, John Alayn de Shyngelton, Richard de Kynebautone, Roger atte Chaumbre, Adam de Arderne, Richard de Whityngham, and Richard de Normanville.

Roger de Caxtone, vintainer, mainprised by John de Ikelyngham, and the said Roger mainprised a vintaine, and has under him, viz.:—

John Burgeoys de Horsham, William Knyght, John de Waltone, John Reulebon, Richard de Parys, Thomas Priour, Henry Galeys, William de Redham, Thomas de Donstaple, John de Somersete, John de Maydenstan, John de Ebor', physician, John Priour, "bocher," John de Blounham, John Robert, Robert Devenisshe, Bartholomew de Okham, William de Redyng, and John de Shrouesbury, taillour.

Thomas de Dentone, vintainer, mainprised by William Sorweles, and he mainprises his vintaine, and has under him, viz.:—

[1] Clarendon, co. Wilts.

[2] Commander of 20 men.

[3] A centurion or commander of 100 men.

John Fraunceys, Thomas de Wantynge, John Wyger, John, son of Robert le Cook, William Gase, Thomas de Westminster, Robert de Wardone, Richard Fisshe, Richard Cotel, Geoffrey de Pekham, Thomas Hendekyn, John atte Cros, William Travers, Thomas de Bartone, Stephen de Newcastle, John de Donewyche, John le Mareschal de Aynho, William Smert, and Thomas de Mynstretone.

Nicholas de Reymes, vintainer, mainprised by John le Cook, "chaucer," and he mainprises his vintaine, and has under him, viz.:—

William de Uptone, Robert Horn, Benedict atte Rothe, William Scot, Richard Vivien, John atte Hay, Nicholas Pycot, Ralph de Burtone, "diegher," Peter Lovel, William Herberd, John de Ebor', peleter, John de Picheford, John de Derby, John de Bedeford, "taillour," John de Stuntefeld, Thomas de Uphull, Laurence Russel, John le Long, Nicholas de Leghtone.

Fo. viii. John le Parker, vintainer, mainprised by Geoffrey le Barber of Queenhithe, Nicholas de Reymes, John atte Grove, John de Draytone, and Henry le Joynour, and he mainprises his vintaine, and has under him, viz.:—

Henry le Glover, John de Romford, John le Doo, Salomon de Laufare, James Wylcher, Robert Sergeaunt, John de Burgh, John atte Lee, John de Gloucestre, Henry de Hellyngeleye, Henry de Grenstede, Thomas de Crulfeld, Roger Boneye, William de Bryncheslee, Richard de Shiryngtone, Walter Dymmoke, John Gerveys, Thomas Hare, and John de Aukeland.

Thomas Hereberd, centainer and vintainer, mainprised by John le Clerk, Sheriff, and he mainprises his vintaine, and has under him, viz.:—

Roger de Herlostone, Roland de Colebroke, John le Chapman, Thomas de Piphurst, Richard Fauconer, William de Lodelowe, John de Norhamptone, John le Barber de Flete, John de Benyngtone, John de Malmesbury, Denny le Cook, John de Billebury, John Cook de Berkynge, John de Wykendene, William Kyng, Richard Wolf, Richard de Newyntone, Paulin Chaumberleyn, and Adam Grenelef.

John le Devenisshe, vintainer, mainprised by Henry Garlaund and Nicholas de Reymes, and he mainprises his vintaine, and has under him, viz. :—

Thomas Busshons, John le Marechal de Croydone, John de Wardone, William Baudry, John de Ottleye, Simon Bas, John de Kirkeby de Kendale, Gilbert Morice, John de Bedeford, "skinnere," Adam de Southam, John de Grimesby, Thomas de Cornubia, "ferrour," John de Bury, John de Bernyngham, Richard Dundalk, John Hervy, Nicholas Dirlande, Robert Kilpek, and Robert Bynde.

Richard de Stauntone, vintainer, mainprised by Roger de Pekesdene and William de Lodelowe, and he mainprises his vintaine, and has under him, viz. :—

William Crips de Bockebroke, John de Watford, "bowyere," William de St. Alban, William de Rotlond, John de Walshale, William de Kestevene, John de Wyndesore, John de Stoke, Thomas de Multone, John de Pedewardyn, Roger de Barewe, John de Rokyngham, John le Coupere, Henry de Pertone, John de Okthorpe, clerk, John de Bradelee, Alan de Cestre, Thomas de Mershetone, and William Bataille.

John Priour, armourer, vintainer, mainprised by Adam de Essex and John de Draytone, and he mainprises his vintaine, and has under him, viz. :— Fo. viii b.

Simon Hunte, Richard Cokey, John de Morland, Richard de Belcham, Thomas de Dallyngge, Thomas de Uske, Richard Cavenard, William Faunt, John Jordan, Thomas Walssheman, Ralph de Thorpe, Thomas de Stanes, Walter de Bolneye, William Shipman, John de Brykleswade, John Peverel, Thomas Jurdan, Richard Rose, and Thomas de Landaf, "carpenter."

Richard Derewent, vintainer, mainprised by Adam de Essex and John de Draytone, and he mainprises his vintaine, and has under him, viz. :—

Roger Broun, Adam de Wrotham, John Duraunt, Thomas de Melton Moubray, Alexander de Berdefeld, Thomas de Ebor', "copersmyth," William le Bakere, John de Pokelyngtone, John atte Grove, William de Coventre, Robert Dere-

went, John Ballard de Willesdone, Thomas de Pampesworth, Gilbert de Tauntone, John de Lincoln, goldsmith, William Dauncer, Robert de Wakerle, Richard le Bakere, and Hugh le Fauconer.

Carta d'ni Regis E. tercii ad aanulland' quoddam statutum editum in contrarium libertat' civitatis.

Letters patent of Edward III. to the effect that whereas in a Parliament held at York on the morrow of the Ascension [25 May], anno 9 Edward III. [A.D. 1335],[1] it was enacted that all merchants, strangers and natives, might sell, if they would, to foreigner and native, save only the King's enemies, corn, wine, merchandise of weight (*averium ponderis*), flesh, fish, or other victual, wool, cloth, and other goods vendible, in cities, boroughs, vills, ports, &c., within the liberties or without; and whereas it was further enacted that no foreigner or native should be prevented selling such victuals and goods in such places, excepting wines imported into the realm, any charter of liberty to any such city or place as aforesaid to the contrary notwithstanding; and whereas in the statutes of the said Parliament, as of other Parliaments, it has been granted and established that the great charter of the liberties of England in all and singular its articles should be maintained and firmly observed, and in the same charter it is contained, among other things, that the City of London should have its ancient liberties and free customs uninjured; and whereas it was the intention of us and our progenitors, as well as of the Prelates, Earls, and Barons in the aforesaid Parliaments, and is now our intention, that, by pretext of the statute aforesaid or any other, nothing should be to the prejudice or weakening of the said charter or of the ancient liberties or customs of the City aforesaid; we, wishing to declare our intention that the citizens of that City should not be unduly molested touching their liberties and customs aforesaid contrary to such intent, have granted, with the assent of the Prelates, Earls, and Barons in the present Parliament assembled, for us and our heirs, that the citizens of the aforesaid City and their heirs and successors shall have all their liberties and free customs uninjured and entire as before

[1] Parliament sat at York from the 26th May until the 3rd June. Stubbs, 'Const. Hist.,' ii. 377n.; cf. *supra*, p. 9, note.

these times they more freely had the same, the aforesaid statute for the said merchants enacted in prejudice of the liberties and customs of the aforesaid City notwithstanding. Witness the King at Westminster, 26 March, 11 Edward III. [A.D. 1337].[1]

Expenses and payments made in respect of two hundred archers sent to Bristol with their wages in the service of the lord the King in parts of Gascony, anno 11 Edward III. [A.D. 1337].[2] Fo. ix.

Friday before the Feast of SS. Simon and Jude [28 Oct.], 11 Edward III. [A.D. 1337], before John de Grantham, Andrew Aubrey, John Hamond, Richard le Lacer, and Simon Fraunceys, Aldermen, William Haunsard, Henry de Prestone, John de Dallyngge, Richard de Welleford, and Thomas de Waledene, Commoners, and other Aldermen and Commoners [not named], auditors of the Chamberlain's account, there was allowed to Thomas de Maryns, the Chamberlain, the sum of 60*s.*, which had been paid by him to John de Grantham for a horse which the said John lost on the business of the City in going to the Parliament at York[3] in the ninth year of the reign of King Edward III. [A.D. 1335]. Fo. ix b.

And afterwards Richard de Berkynge, Alderman, and the aforesaid Thomas the Chamberlain, were appointed by John de Pulteneye, the Mayor, and the Aldermen to make a new wall adjoining the gate of Crepelgate, and to repair and cover with lead the said gate and the gate of Aldersgate, and to make two small houses under the said gates for lodging the gate-keepers therein.

[1] The original letters patent with seal (nearly perfect) preserved at the Guildhall. Free trade (as already noted *supra*, p. 9n.) was re-established in 1350 by statute 25 Edward III. cap. ii., and this statute was confirmed by the Parliament which sat from the 9th February to the 1st March, 1351.

[2] Particulars set out in 'Memorials,' pp. 196, 197.

[3] The editor of the 'Memorials' gives the date of this Parliament as July or August, 1335. It sat, as already stated, from the 26th May to the 3rd June.

Account of Thomas de Maryns, the Chamberlain of the Guildhall, up to the 7th Sept., 13 Edward III. [A.D. *1339*], *rendered before John de Caustone, Richard Lacer, and William de Brikeleswortb, Aldermen, John de Dallynge, Richard de Welleford, Robert de Shordiche, Richard de Lomhuthe, John de Tiffeld, John de Brendewode, John atte Barnette, Thomas de Canterbury, Thomas de Waledene, and John de Aylleshamb, Commoners, elected and appointed auditors by the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty on Friday before the Feast of St. George* [*23 April*], *13 Edward III.* [A.D. *1339*].[1]

Among the receipts are the following, viz.: From Anketin Gisors and Robert Swote, late Wardens of the Bridge, touching their recognizance, £20; from John de Pulteneye for discharge of the Chamber, 5 marks; money received for engines in the time of the war, £97 15*s.* 8*d.*; money borrowed for piles (*pro pilis*) and making a bretask,[2] £110; receipts of murage, £29 3*s.* 8*d.*; arrears of account for armed men and archers and of the last account of Henry de Seccheford, 43*s.* 9*d.*

Total of receipts, £493 6*s.* 2*d.*

Fo. x. Among the items of expenses occur the following, viz.: Payment of fees (*feodorum*), £108 12*s.*; small expenses and presents, £59 18*s.* 9¾*d.*; payments made for Aldresgate Ward for the fifteenth of wool and for Nicholas Crane in respect of a fifteenth for three years, 4 marks.

Total of expenses, £486 17*s.* 9½*d.*

And so the Chamberlain owes the Commonalty £6 8*s.* 4½*d.*, out of which he is allowed his fee of 50*s.* for the term between Midsummer and Michaelmas anno 13 Edward III. The balance he will account for in the next account, as also for the sum of 40*s.* received from John de Hardyngham, clerk of the Sheriff, in respect of an allowance made to the citizens in the Exchequer

[1] Most of the items which follow have been set out in the 'Memorials' (pp. 206, 207). Only omissions have been supplied here, and then only if deemed of sufficient interest.

[2] Mentioned among the expenses as "a certain house called Bretask near the Tower." Cf. *supra*, p. 1.

on the account of Hugh le Marbrer and William de Pounfreyt, late Sheriffs.

Fo. x b.

Br'e de mille marcis civibus Lond' per R' alloc'.

Writ to the Mayor, Aldermen, and the whole Commonalty of the City, intimating that at the urgent request of John de Pulteneye, the Mayor, the King permitted the sum of 1,000 marks, of the fifteenth voted for three years in the last Council at Westminster, to be fully allowed in the first year of the payment of the fifteenth. Witness the King at Thame, 25 Oct., 11 Edward III. [A.D. 1337].

Carta Joh'is del Brendewod per Rob' Missok et ux' eius.

Grant by Robert Missok, woolmonger, and Margery his wife to John del Brendewod, pheliper, of certain rents issuing from a tenement held by Theobald de Caustone, mercer, in the parish of St. Thomas the Apostle, John de Pulteneye, Knt., being then Mayor, and Alderman of the Ward,[1] &c. Witnesses, Walter Nel, [Michael] Minot, William le Gauger, Henry le Palmere, John Hardel, John de Cressyngham, John le Freynsshe, William le Coroner, John de Ileford, Theobald de Caustone, John Amys, clerk, and others [not named]. Dated Tuesday the Feast of St. John ante portam Latinam [6 May], 11 Edward III. [A.D. 1337].

ij*s.* vj*d.*

Eleccio abrocar'.

Friday after the Feast of St. Edward [13 Oct.], 11 Edward III. [A.D. 1337], came William de Cave, John de Bedeford, Laurence Sely, Walter Page, Simon de Pulham, and John de Oxon', skinners, before John de Pulteneye, Mayor, and Nicholas Crane, Gregory de Nortone, and Ralph de Uptone, Aldermen, and asked that John de Thorpe might be admitted broker of peltry. Request granted.

Fo. xi.

Indentur' int' Emmam Bourdeyn et Wili de Blithe pro pueris mag'ri Steph' de Parys cirurgici.

Indenture of agreement whereby the guardianship of John, son of Stephen de Parys, aged five years, together with the sum of 100*s.*, is delivered to John Bourdeyn, goldsmith, by Emma Bourdeyn, late wife and executrix of the said Stephen, and William de Blithe, saddler, her co-executor, for a term of five years. Witnesses, Thomas de Wyncestre, John atte Barnette, John de Hyngestone, John de Gloucestre, William le Clerk, and others [not named]. Dated the eve of the Purification B. M. [2 Feb.], 12 Edward III. [A.D. 1337–8].

sol' ij*s.* vj*d.*

[1] Vintry.

Item Indentura int' dictos Emmam et Will' et Waut' Bourdeyn, aurifabr', sol' ij*s.* vj*d.*

Indenture of covenant whereby the guardianship of Nicholas, son of the above Stephen de Parys, aged seven years, together with the sum of 100*s.*, is delivered to Walter Bourdeyn, goldsmith, for a term of five years. Witnesses as above. Dated as above.

Fo. xi b.

Script' Henr' Montkoy per Theophaniam que fuit ux' Joh' de Yveneye.

ij*s.* vj*d.*

Indenture of grant by Theophania, relict of John de Yveneye, to Henry Montkoy, fishmonger, of an annual rent of £10 issuing from a tenement held by John de Nasynge, John de Prestone being Mayor, Nicholas Pyk and John Husebonde Sheriffs. Witnesses, Walter Nel, Walter Turk, Michael Mynot, John de Cressyngham, Gilbert Pany, Adam le Chaundeler, Robert Sprot, John Amys, clerk, and others [not named]. Dated Thursday the Feast of the Annunciation B. M. [25 March], 7 Edward III. [A.D. 1333].

Script' Rob'i de Bristoll' per Galfr'm de Haveryngge.

sol' ij*s.* vj*d.*

Confirmation by Geoffrey, son of Richard de Haveryngge, of grant made by his brother Ralph de Haveryngge, girdler, to Robert de Bristoll, saddler, of certain rents charged on tenements held by Nicholas de Reygate, girdler, and Alice his wife, in the lane and parish of St. Laurence Jewry, H[enry] Darci being Mayor, N[icholas] Crane and W[alter] Neel, Sheriffs, R[eginald] de Conduit, Alderman of the Ward,[1] Richard le Lacer [*sic*]. Witnesses, John le Tableter, John le Bokeler, Henry de Reygate, John de Prestone, Martin Waleys, John Marchaunt, and others [not named]. Dated Saturday, 30 Jan., 12 Edward III. [A.D. 1337-8].

Fo. xii.

De porta de Aldresgate dimissa al terminum xx annorum.

Lease by Henry Darci, the Mayor, the Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City to Richard de Felstede, carpenter, of the gate of Aldresgate, together with a parcel of land to the west of the said gate and a garden to the east, excepting a small chamber newly made (*de novo facta*) for the keeper of the gate; to hold the same for a term of twenty years at an annual rent of 26*s.* 8*d.* Sureties for the said Richard, viz., Richard le Lacer, Richard de Berkyng, Aldermen, William de Cave, skinner, and John Turk, fishmonger. Dated in the Chamber of the Guildhall, Monday after the Feast of St. Nicholas [6 Dec.], 11 Edward III. [A.D. 1337].

[1] Cheap.

Fo. xii b.

De bonis Hugon' le Benere tradit' Joh'i "Foot" etc.

Be it remembered that on Saturday before the Feast of SS. Simon and Jude [28 Oct.], 11 Edward III. [A.D. 1337], came John "Fot," vintner, before Gregory de Nortone, the Recorder, and Thomas de Maryns, the Chamberlain, in the Chamber of the Guildhall, and acknowledged he had received from Walter de Mordone and Ralph de Uptone, late Sheriffs, the following goods and chattels appraised in the presence of John de Shirbourne, the Coroner, and Nicholas Crane and Walter Neel, the Sheriffs, on the oaths of Edmund Mohaut, Richard Ichhell, "phelipers," William Sheep' and Thomas de Alegate, "potteres," Richard Chiviot and William le Barber; which goods belonged to Hugh le Benere, who was indicted before the said Coroner and Sheriffs for the death of Alice his wife, and who, being questioned before the Justices of the lord the King for Gaol Delivery of Newgate touching the said death, refused the law of England (*refutavit legem Anglie*); whereupon, by judgment of the said Justices, the said Hugh was remitted to prison, there to remain until he should die.

[Here follow particulars of the goods and chattels and their appraised value.[1]]

Thereupon the said John Fot bound himself, his heirs and executors, to restore to the aforesaid Sheriffs, or one of them, the aforesaid chattels or their value, in case they are aggrieved (*si occasionentur*) by the King or some other person, and for saving the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty harmless in respect of the same.

Fo. xiii.

Br'e pro vinetar' et Tabernar' castigand'.

Writ to the Mayor and Sheriffs for proclamation to be made against vintners mixing bad wine with good, and not allowing their customers to see whence the wine is drawn. Witness the King at the Tower of London, 13 March, 12 Edward III. [A.D. 1337–8].

Commissio pro malefactoribus castigand' et similiter arma portant' contra pacem etc. perpetrat' tempore Henr' Darci Maior'.

Writ to the same for the arrest of those who go armed by night or day, and all misdoers who hold unlawful gatherings contrary to the Statutes of Winchester, Northampton, &c., and for the safe custody of the same in prison until further orders. Witness the King at Langele, 6 April, 12 Edward III. [A.D. 1338].

[1] Set out in 'Memorials,' pp. 199, 200.

Fo. xiii b.

Commissio perquisit' per Henr' Darci Maiorem q'd Maior nec alder'i nec vicecom' occ'onent' pro malefactoribus castigandis.

Letters patent granting indemnity to the Mayor, Sheriffs, and Aldermen for the time being, and their officers who shall arrest and safeguard misdoers and disturbers of the peace contrary to the above Statutes. Witness the King at Westminster, 1 May, 12 Edward III. [A.D. 1338].

Fo. xiv.

Indentura int' Ric'm de Bettoigne et Nich'm Crane.

Indenture touching defeasance of a bond in the sum of £100 entered into by Richard de Bettoigne, conditional on Nicholas Crane, merchant, enjoying peaceable possession of a certain tenement formerly belonging to Herman le Heaumer and demised by the said Richard to the said Nicholas, situate in the parish of All Hallows de Bredstrate. Deeds of conveyance of the said tenement by the said Herman to Richard, as well as by Henry le Waleys to Dame Gertrude de Colon' and to Peter and the aforesaid Herman her sons, are deposited with the said Nicholas. Dated Tuesday before the Feast of the Ascension [21 May], 12 Edward III. [A.D. 1338].

De Turrella dimissa Steph'o atte Conduyt viz. juxta Alegate.

Grant by Henry Darci, the Mayor, and Aldermen to Stephen atte Conduyt, vintner, of a certain turret on the south side of Alegate for a term of ten years from the Feast of St. John Bapt. [24 June], 12 Edward III. [A.D. 1338], at a yearly rent of 6*s*. 8*d*.

Fo. xiv b.

Be it remembered that Henry Darci, the Mayor, and the Aldermen were warned to appear before the King and his Council at Westminster on Monday after the Feast of St. Alphege [19 April], 12 Edward III. [A.D. 1338]. On which day they appeared, and being asked whether they would safeguard the City on behalf of the King, who was about to cross the sea, as the inheritance of the Mayor and citizens (*ut hereditatem ipsorum Maioris et civium*), they said that they would do so. Thereupon they were commanded to bring a scheme in writing for safeguarding the City for the approval of the King and Council on the following Friday.[1]

[1] The above proceedings, as well as the measures that follow for safeguarding the City, including the list of names elected from each Ward for the same purpose, are enrolled in 'Pleas and Memoranda,' Roll A 5, membr. 11.

[Here follow ordinances for guarding the City and its gates, providing (*inter alia*) for the election of six, eight, or twelve of the best men of each Ward to patrol the City day and night, and to see that the King's peace be not broken.]

The scheme being read was approved.

Names of those chosen from each Ward and sworn to safeguard the City. Fo. xv.

Farndone Within: Hugh le Marberer, Richard Denys, Robert de Wyke, Robert de Shordyche, Stephen le Freynshe, Thomas Hardy, Geoffrey atte Gate, William de Lyndeseye, Simon atte Gate, Richard de Arderne, John de Iddeshale, John de Crikkelee.

Farndone Without: Philip Dykeman, William de Toppesfeld, Reginald de Thorpe, Walter le Mareschal, William de Waltham, Simon le Armourer, Richard atte Gate, John Miles, John de Neuport, Robert Pekfichele (?), Walter de Harewedone, Robert le Mareschal, Robert de Asshe, William de Bolyngbroke.

Chepe: Adam de St. Alban, Thomas de Waldene, John atte Barnette, William Aylleward, John de Enefeld, John Pecche, John de Carlele, John Osekyn, Nicholas de Grenewych, Henry de Bovendone, John de Knopwede, Geoffrey le Mirourer, William de Grubbelane, Thomas Fitz Michel, William de Elsynge, senior, Jordan de Elsynge, Nicholas le Clerk, Thomas de Maryns, Robert de Seymor, John de Horewod, Thomas de Hanewode.

Castle Baynard: Simon de Turnham, John Tornegold, Henry Brenge, Ralph de Lenne, Thomas Bonet, Thomas de Cornwall, Henry de Cofford (Cosford ?), Richard le Pynnore, William le Whyte, Thomas le Coo, Adam Fairhod, John Bonet.

Vintry: John de Gisors, Thomas Gisors, William Clapitus, John de Cressyngham, junior, Ferandus de Ispania, Henry Montcoy, Laurence le Coroner.

Cordewanerstrete: William de Thorneye, Richard de Todyngtone, John de Bredstrete, John de Kelyngworth, Michael de Caustone, Richard de Ruthyn, John Trappe, Richard de Welford.

Colmanstrete: John le Kyng, Philip Gentil, Robert Wynhelm, Stephen le Cotiller, John Deynes, Richard de Shordyche.

Queenhithe: John de Gloucestre, Alan de Chigwelle, John de Triple, William de Neuport, Roger de Bernes, Thomas de Shene, John de Bixene, Hugh Fitz Roger, William Michel, Stephen de Stanford.

Bredestrete: John de Ayllesham, Hamo le Barber, John Syward, John de Toppesfeld, John de Godestone, Adam Brabazon, John Makenheved, John de Denham, John de Tiffeld, John de Kyngestone.

Aldresgate: Thomas de Cauntebregge, Gilbert de Steythorpe, Thomas de Lincoln, John Spray, John Smart, Peter de Risshelepe.

Crepelgate Within and Without: William de Poumfreyt, John de Keselyngbery, Thomas de Worstede, John de Wattone, Richard de Basyngestoke, Adam de Walpole, Hugh atte Cokke, Richard de Stokwelle.

Bassieshawe: John de Dallynge, Nicholas de Caustone, Nicholas de Bedyngtone, Roger Madour, Thomas West, John Bacheler.

Bridge: Walter de Mordone, Adam Lucas, William de Wetheresfeld, Gilbert de Mordone, Robert de Thorneye, John de Croydone, John Horn Flemyng, Geoffrey Fayrher, Thomas de Bery, Arnald le Chaundeler, John Horn Flemyng [*repeated*], Richard Paterlyng.

Portsokne: John de Romeneye, Walter Cobbe, Alexander Cobbe, Alexander le Mareschal.

Bradestrete: William de Iford, Nicholas atte Mersshe, William Bronne, John de Herewardestoke, Richard de Staundone, Thomas Lyouns.

Alegate: John de Hadham, John de Neubery, Thomas Sauvage, Walter le Cook, Stephen de Conduit, William Sheepe.

Bisshopesgate: Cambyn Fulbert, James le Sherman, John de Tholouse, Walter de Hennewode, Nicholas Ponge, Walter le Bret, Ralph Heryon, Henry de Norhamptone, John Pycot.

Billyngesgate: Adam Pykeman, Robert de Hakeneye, Nicholas Deubeneye, John Joye, Robert le Ropere, John de Greyland, Thomas de Ware, Richard Double, John atte Gate.

Tower: Nicholas Pyke, William Brikelesworth, Simon Turgys, Ralph de Halstede, Geoffrey de Wyntertone, Edmund de Saumford, Nicholas de Bockehurst, Laurence le Keu, William Haunsard, Henry Wymond.

Cornhull: John atte Brendewode, Thomas Legge, Ralph de Cantebregge, William de Cantebregge, John Oweyn, Richard de Farnebergh.

Walbroke: William de Cave, John de Somersham, Thomas de Farnham, Thomas de Canterbury, Laurence Sely, Adam de Bury, William de Braghynge, John le Neve.

Douegate: Henry de Prestone, Roger de Waltham, Thomas de Swanlond, John de Westone, William de Stanford, Thomas de Holdene, John de Swanlond, junior, Richard Andr[ew?], Hereman le Skippere, Bartholomew Deumars, John de la Rokele, Stephen de Dureme, John Poterel, William de Wyrcestre, Robert de Eynesham, Richard de Bitterle, William de la Marche.

Candelwykestrete: Thomas de Wyncestre, Henry atte Lanende, Henry de Braughynge, William Knyght, John Gubbe, John de Odyerne.

Langebourne: John Hablond, William de Wrotham, Geoffrey Aleyn, John de Surreye, John de Bromeholme, Alexander de Watford.

Lymestrete: William de Alegate, William de Sabrichesworth, Ralph de Mixebury.

On Monday after the Feast of St. Mark [25 April], 12 Edward III. [A.D. 1338], the Mayor aforesaid sent to each Alderman a certain bill, with the names of those so elected and sworn, endorsed with instructions as to measures to be taken for safeguarding the City, as set out.

Writ to the Mayor and Sheriffs and collectors of toll, pavage, pontage, and murage in the City that they permit merchants of the town of Coventre to be quit of such demands, according to the terms of their charter. Witness the King at the Tower of London, 20 May, 12 Edward III. [A.D. 1338]. Fo. xvi.

Allocac' fc'a mercatoribus de Coventre de muragio etc.

Pursuant to the above writ it was granted that the merchants of Coventre should be quit of murage, &c.

De muragio.

Letters patent dated at Westminster, 26 April, 12 Edward III. [A.D. 1338], granting to the Mayor, Sheriffs, and citizens of London the right to take certain custom on merchandise entering the City, as set out, in aid of the City's enclosure (*in auxilium civitatis claudende*), for a term of five years.[1]

Fo. xvi b.

Murag' de Smethefeld dimissum Thome le Porter.

And be it known that the aforesaid aid for enclosing the City, granted by the King for a term of five years, issuing out of Westsmethefeld, was demised by Henry Darci, the Mayor, to Thomas le Porter; to hold the same from Friday the morrow of the Ascension, viz., the 22nd May, anno 12 Edward III. [A.D. 1338], until the following Feast of the Ascension, for 12 marks, to be paid by monthly instalments of 1 mark.

Custodia Joh'ne fil' et her' Joh'is de Hereford, sellar'.

Thursday after the Feast of the Nativ. St. John Bapt. [24 June], 12 Edward III. [A.D. 1338], the guardianship of Johanna, daughter of John de Hereford, late saddler, committed by Henry Darci, the Mayor, and the Aldermen, to William Rabot, together with a messuage in the parish of St. Dunstan, in Tower Ward. Surety for the said William, viz., John de Westone, draper.

Fo. xvii.

Script' int' Joh'em de Dureme etc. et Joh'em de Tiffeld et Massiliam ux'm ejus ex altera parte.

ijs. vjd.

Lease by John de Dureme to John de Tiffeld, apothecary, and Massilia his wife of a certain tenement in the parish of All Hallows de Bredstrete, at one time held by Adam de Fulham, and situate near the tenements of John Mareys, "fourbour," tenanted by John de Bredstrete; to hold the same for a term of thirty years at an annual rent of 4 shillings. Dated Tuesday after the Feast of St. James, Ap. [25 July], 11 Edward III. [A.D. 1337]. Witnesses, John de Bredstrete, Hugh de Depedene, John de Littlyngtone, William de Aungre, Nicholas atte Roche, and others [not named].

[1] The particulars of the amount of murage to be taken on divers articles of merchandise entering the City appear to be identical with those granted in 1315. See 'Cal. Letter-Book E,' pp. 63-66.

Writ to the Sheriffs for the election of two citizens to attend a great Council to be held at Northampton the morrow of St. James, Ap. [25 July], the King being about to cross the sea, leaving Edward, Duke of Cornwall and Earl of Chester, as *Custos* of the realm. Witness the King at Waltone, 15 June, 12 Edward III. [A.D. 1338].

Br'e pro consilio h'endo apud Northampton' cor' Duce Cornub' custode Anglie.

Writ of Edward, Duke of Cornwall and *Custos* of England, to the same for four merchants of the City to attend at Northampton on Monday after the Feast of St. Peter ad Vincula [1 Aug.], to take counsel with the *Custos* of the realm, the Chancellor, and others on public affairs. Dated at Ipswich, 16 July, 12 Edward III. [A.D. 1338].

Fo. xvii b.

Writ of Privy Seal to the Mayor and Sheriffs for arraying the armed men of the City who were to accompany the King abroad, and for having them at "Gippewyz" on Monday the octave of Trinity [7 June]. Dated at the town of St. Edmund, 3 June, 12 Edward III. [A.D. 1338].

Br'ia sub privato sigillo pro ho'ibus armat' h'end' ultra mare in societate sua.

Writ of Privy Seal to the Mayor and Aldermen charging them to hasten the dispatch of the men who were to accompany the King abroad, and to see that they were such as prescribed in private communications. Dated at Walton, 20 June, 12 Edward III. [A.D. 1338].

Item aliud breve pro eisdem.

And forasmuch as many of those who had been chosen by the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty to cross the sea with the King in aid of the war, and of whom mention had been made in the King's Council, declared that they were about to cross the sea with the King in the suite of divers magnates who hired them for wages, the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty elected 100 men, 40 of them being armed, and 60 archers;[1] and each Ward was assessed according to its size, viz., Tower Ward for 7 men, &c.

[1] On the 1st July the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty informed the King by letter of the dispatch of this contingent, and begged for instructions as to how to deal with those who had quitted the City on the ground that they formed part of the retinue of some great man, in case they returned to the City without leave of absence from the seat of war. The same day they wrote to the Chancellor praying that the dispatch of this force might not be drawn into a precedent to the City's prejudice. 'Pleas and Memoranda,' Roll A 5, membr. 3 dors.

Fo. xviii. *Names of Armed Men and Archers.*

William Hauteyn, vintainer and centainer, finds surety for himself and his vintaine, viz., John de Mockyng and Richard de Berkyng, Aldermen.

Armed men: William de Wykham, Ralph de Irby, John de Flete, Thomas le Mazerer, Roger de Bathe, John de Riveshale, Walter Russel.

Archers: Roger Boneye, William de Cornewaille, William de Warwyk, Robert de Meltone, Richard Cotel, "kervere," Thomas Husk, Robert de Staverne, John Poyntel, John de Gloucestre, William de Tettesworth, Henry de Hontyngdone, John de Lodelowe.

William Malesheurs, vintainer, [finds surety] for himself and his vintaine, Ralph de Uptone.

Armed men: Roger Warde, John, son of Richard Talbot, Walter de Ware, John Wrenche, William Herberd, Thomas de Kymberle, Henry Pipard.

Archers: John Tany, Stephen atte More, Roger de Barwe, Henry de Grenstede, John Devenysshe, Thomas de Horselee, William Boterade, John de Kent, Roger de Herlastone, Arnald de Bayon, John Fraunceys, William de Lenham.

William de Pokeriche, vintainer, for himself and his vintaine, Richard Lacer, Alderman.

Armed men: Robert le Palmere, William Bonefay, Nicholas Jolype, John de Massyngham, Roger le Barber, John de Bedeford, Richard de Bretone.

Archers: John de Bassyngburne, Clement de Stafford, Richard de Rose, Henry Husk, John atte Hethe, Walter de Ingelond, Robert de Cestre, John Messager, William de Dodele, John Ruylbon, Alexander de Poperynge, John de Bovyngtone.

William de Braunfeld, vintainer, for himself and his vintaine, Laurence Sely, Elyas Dycon, and Robert de Knapwell.

Armed men: Gilbert de Carletone, John de Wynchecombe, John de Ledes, John atte Grene, John Peverel, Richard de Wedone, Thomas de Lenne.

Archers: William de Tonebregge, Michael de Dene, John de Kyngewode, William de Coventre, Henry Ive, Adam de Pom-

freyt, John de Kentissh, John de Bannebery, Robert le Fourbour, William de Lychefeld, Robert de Ingeford, Richard Giffard.

William de Oxenford, vintainer, for himself and his vintaine, Walter Neel, Alderman.

Armed men: John de Multone, William Symeon, Roger de Engleby, Walter Sterre, Adam le Dragoner, William de Casewelle, William Warman.

Archers: Nicholas Passour, Richard de Midlyngtone, Thomas le Pybakere, Ralph le Chaumberleyn, Richard de Brichesdene, Reginald le Sergeaunt, Thomas de Alegate, John de Blebery, Thomas de Excestre, Thomas de Piphurst, John atte Welle, Richard de Croydone. Fo. xviii b.

Receipts of divers Wards for arming the men aforesaid, and for purchase of their guns, expenses, &c. *Recept'.*

Of the Ward of Castle Baynard, 53*s.* 4*d.*; Alegate, 2 marks; Bisshopesgate, 6 marks; Cornhull, 5 marks 10*s.* 4*d.*; Queenhithe, 5 marks; Douegate, 9 marks; Bredestrete, £7 9*s.* 2*d.*; Bridge, £9 6*s.* 8*d.*; Farndone Within, £9 17*s.*; Vintry, 12 marks; Bradestrete, 10 marks; Chepe, £12; Farndone Without, 7 marks; Bassieshawe, 40*s.*; Cordewanerstrete, 16 marks; Aldresgate, 2 marks; Candelwykestrete, 6 marks; Colmanstrete, 6 marks; Walbroke, £7; Langeburne, 6 marks; Billyngesgate, £6 13*s.* 4*d.*; Tower, £9 6*s.* 8*d.*; Crepelgate Within, £6 6*s.* 8*d.*; Crepelgate Without, 5 marks; Portsokne, 33*s.* 4*d.*

Total, £139 9*s.* 10*d.*

Expenses,[1] total, £137 11*s.* 7*d.*

Ordinacio de braciatoribus et concessio eorumdem.

Be it remembered that on Wednesday after the Feast of All Saints [1 Nov.], 11 Edward III. [A.D. 1337], came all the brewers and brewsters of the City and suburbs before Henry Darci, the Mayor, John de Grantham, Gregory de Nortone, John Hamond, Andrew Aubrey, Ralph de Uptone, Simon Fraunceys, Nicholas Crane, and others of the Commonalty, on summons, and they were forbidden by the said Mayor and Aldermen to sell by any other measure than a gallon, potel,

[1] For particulars of expenses see 'Memorials,' p. 202.

and quart, or to sell a gallon of the best ale for more than three halfpence, or a gallon of medium ale for more than a penny, or of a worse quality for more than three farthings. And the same day it was ordained by the said Mayor and Aldermen, and agreed to by the said brewers, that if any of them made default in any of the premises, the delinquent should for the first offence be committed to prison, there to remain three days, and on his exit pay 40 pence to the City's use, and for the second offence be committed for six days and pay half a mark, and for the fourth [*sic*] offence abjure the City, &c.[1]

Fo. xix.

Breve de Thamisia piland' et de denar' de reddit' religiosor' et al' levand' ad eandem etc

Writ of Edward, Duke of Cornwall and *Custos* of England, to the Mayor, Aldermen, and Sheriffs of London, charging them to fortify the City and protect the Thames against invasion, and to call to their aid all those holding rents in the City, as well religious as others. Dated at Kenyngtone, 23 Oct., 12 Edward III. [A.D. 1338].

Fo. xix b.

Comp' Conductus.

The account of Richard de Gaunt and Thomas le Peautrer, Wardens of the Conduit, rendered before Richard le Lacer, Alderman, and Thomas de Maryns, the Chamberlain, auditors appointed by Henry Darci, the Mayor, and the Aldermen, viz., for one year from the Feast of the Nativity of St. John Bapt. [24 June], anno 7 Edward III. [A.D. 1333].

The said Richard charges himself and the said Thomas, who is dead (*qui mortuus*), with the sum of £6 and 18*d.* received in quitrent for divers tankards. He discharges himself of the sum of £9 10*s.* 2*d.* for lead and other necessaries for the Conduit.

The account of the aforesaid Richard and Thomas [*sic*] for one year from the same Feast, anno 8 Edward III. [A.D. 1334].

They charge themselves [*sic*] with the sum of £6 6*s.* 6*d.* received in quitrent for divers tynes (*tynis*), tankards, &c.

The said Richard discharges himself of the sum of £4 and 22*d.* for making a clay wall around the head of the Conduit at Tyburne, &c.

The account of the aforesaid Richard and Thomas [*sic*] for one year from the same Feast, anno 9 Edward III. [A.D. 1335], and up to the Feast of St. Clement next ensuing [23 Nov.].

[1] Cf. 'Letter-Book E,' fo. lvii; 'Liber Albus,' i. 358-60.

They charge themselves with the sum of £6 13*s.* 4*d.* received in quitrent of divers tynes and tankards.

They discharge themselves of the sum of £7 11*s.* 7½*d.* for the repair of two broken brass taps (*clavorum*), &c.[1]

Fo. xx.

Querela facta pro Conductu.

Plaint made in the Husting for Pleas of Land held on Monday after the Feast of St. Martin [11 Nov.], 11 Edward III. [A.D. 1337], by John de Enefeld, Thomas de Kestevene, John le Kyng, "armurer," Geoffrey de Gedelestone, William de St. Elena, William de Brunne, and others [not named], living near the Conduit, that the Commonalty were deprived of the water of the Conduit owing to its being so much used by brewers, who carried it away in vessels called "tynes."

Prohibicio de tynis ad Conductum.

Judgment given to the effect that John atte Barnette and William le Peautrer, Wardens of the Conduit, are to seize tynes so brought and retain them for the benefit of the Conduit.[2]

Ordinacio pro coreis bovinis et vaccinis vend' cuicumque etc.

At a congregation of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty, held on Friday after the Feast of St. Luke [18 Oct.], 12 Edward III. [A.D. 1338], there being present Henry Darci, the Mayor, John de Prestone, Reginald de Conduit, John de Grantham, Richard Lacer, Andrew Aubrey, Simon Fraunceys, John Hamond, Ralph de Uptone, Richard Costantyn, Richard de Berkyng, Roger de Forsham, Nicholas Crane, and William de Brykelesworth, it was ordained that every freeman of the City might in future, for the common good of the citizens, sell his ox hides and cow hides to whom he would without hindrance of the Sheriffs or their officers, &c.

Fo. xx b.

At a congregation of Henry Darci, the Mayor, the Aldermen, and a great Commonalty, held on Monday the Feast of Souls [2 Nov.], 12 Edward III. [A.D. 1338], Robert Flambard, Serjeant-at-arms of the City, presented letters from the King, dated at Antwerp, 18 Oct., 12 Edward III. [A.D. 1338], excusing

[1] Further particulars respecting the Conduit and its wardens follow as set out in 'Memorials,' pp. 201-2. The names of certain jurors omitted in that work are as follows: William de St. Eleyne, Richard le Keu, Robert de Seymor, Thomas de Kestevene, John Knopwed, William de Brunne, Geoffrey de Gedelestone, Henry atte Rothe, Stephen le Cotiller, William de Grubbelane, and Richard le Mirourer.

[2] 'Memorials,' pp. 200-1.

him from executing the duty of Macebearer (*loffice de porter la mace*) in the City, lately conferred upon him for life, by reason of his being engaged in attendance on the King.[1]

Eleccio Joh'is "Beyuyn" in proclamatorem[2] civitatis.

In the same congregation John Bevyn was, with the consent of the above Robert, sworn to execute the office of Macebearer and to take the profits thereof until the said Robert was willing to occupy the same personally.

Thereupon the said Robert surrendered to the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty the bailiwick which he had in Suthewerk[3] at their hands.

Dimissio ballive de Suthewerk.

Afterwards, viz., at the Husting held on Monday the Feast of St. Clement [23 Nov.], 12 Edward III. [A.D. 1338], the bailiwick of Suthwerk was given to Nicholas de Abyndone at an annual rent of £12. Sureties for the said Nicholas, viz., John Bole, Richard Paterling, and Henry le Vannere, who bound themselves jointly and severally before Henry Darci, the Mayor, John Hamond, Richard de Berkyng, Roger de Forsham, Walter Neel, William de Brikelesworth, Aldermen, Roger de Depham, the Recorder, and the Commonalty.

Br'e R' pro parliamento.

Writ of the Earl of Cornwall for the election of two citizens to attend a Parliament to be held at Westminster the morrow of St. Hillary [13 Jan.] next.[4] Dated at Kenyngtone, 15 Nov., 12 Edward III. [A.D. 1338].

Fo. xxi.

Script' Margerie Randolf per Walter'm Adryan peverer.

Deed of sale by Walter Adryan, pepperer, to Margery Randolf of divers jewels[5] as set out for the sum of 10 marks. Dated Wednesday the Feast of St. Katherine [25 Nov.], 12 Edward III. [A.D. 1338].

[1] 'Memorials,' p. 203. Also recorded in 'Pleas and Memoranda,' Roll A 5, membr. 6 dors.

[2] Common Crier, otherwise Common Serjeant-at-arms of the City ('Liber Albus,' i. 49), one of whose duties was, and is, to carry the City mace.

[3] See 'Cal. Letter-Book E,' p. 274.

[4] Although originally summoned for the 14th Jan. the Parliament did not sit until the 3rd Feb., the session lasting until the 17th Feb. *Vide infra*, p. 32. Cf. Stubbs, 'Const. Hist.,' iii. 380n.

[5] Particulars set out in 'Memorials,' p. 203.

Be it remembered that Simon Snellyng was admitted and sworn Serjeant of the Chamber in the presence of Henry Darci, the Mayor, John Hamond, Richard de Berkyng, John de Mockyng, Richard Costantyn, Andrew Aubrey, Roger de Forsham, Ralph de Uptone, William de Brikelesworth, and Nicholas Crane, Aldermen, and others, commoners. And he will take 40*s*. by the year.

Admissio Simonis Snellyng in Servientem Camere.

Wednesday after the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul [25 Jan.], 13 Edward III. [A.D. 1338–9], came Andrew de Seccheford to the Chamber of the Guildhall before Henry Darci, Roger de Depham, the Recorder, William de Pontefract, and Thomas de Maryns, the Chamberlain, and became surety for Henry de Seccheford, the late Chamberlain, and for the discharge of his liabilities.[1]

De Andr' de Secchefora pro manuc' Henr' fratris sui etc.

Tuesday, 13 April, 13 Edward III. [A.D. 1339], came Katherine, widow and executrix of Osbert de Bray, one of the sureties for Robert Flambard, touching the ferm of Suthwerk, before Thomas de Maryns, the Chamberlain, in the presence of William de Caustone, Alderman, and acknowledged herself ready to pay the sum of £13 for the value of her late husband's goods whenever the Mayor and Commonalty are troubled by the King in respect of the above ferm. Surety for the said Katherine, viz., William atte Crouche.

Ad respond' quo et quando etc. pro Osb'to de Bray uno manuc' Rob'ti Flambard pro firma balli'e de Suthewerk.

Indenture of defeasance of certain bonds entered into by Johanna, daughter of Walter de Chesewyk, late woolmonger, and widow of John Plomer de Kyngestone, in favour of John Syward, fishmonger, on condition that the said John Syward be allowed peaceable enjoyment of certain tenements demised to him by the said Johanna in the parish of St. Nicholas "Colabbey," at the Old Fish Market. Witnesses, Walter Turk, John de Denham, William de Ware, John de Gloucestre, John de Triple, John Amys, clerk, and others [not named]. Dated Friday after the Feast of St. Lucia, V. [13 Dec.], viz., 18 Dec., 12 Edward III. [A.D. 1338].

Fo. xxi b.

Script' int' Johannam de Chesewyk et Joh'em Syward.

sol. ij*s*. vj*d*.

[1] Cancelled.

Fo. xxii.

Commissio quod non cedat in prejudicium de hominibus missis in guerr' extra civit'.

Letters patent of Edward, Duke of Cornwall, to the effect that the sending of an armed force by way of convoy of wool to foreign parts by the City should not be to the prejudice of the City's franchise. Dated at Biflet, 20 Dec., 12 Edward III. [A.D. 1338].

Br've pro parliamento anno xiij° R' E' tercii.

Writ of the Duke of Cornwall to the Sheriffs for the election of two citizens to attend a Parliament at Westminster, which had been prorogued from the morrow of Hillary to the morrow of the Purification [2 Feb.].[1] Dated at Berkhampstede, 26 Dec., 12 Edward III. [A.D. 1338].

Br've allocat' per Maior' et Alderm' civib' Sar' de muragio non prestando.

Be it remembered that on Monday the morrow of St. Valentine [14 Feb.], 13 Edward III. [A.D. 1338–9], came Henry Russel and Richard Seler, citizens of Sarum, and complained on behalf of themselves and their fellow-citizens of being distrained for payment of murage in the City, and prayed that allowance might be made to them as allowed in the second year of the reign of the aforesaid King in the White Book of Memoranda,[2] and they brought the King's writ (dated at Byflet, 20 Dec., 12 Edward III. [A.D. 1338]) to that effect. Pursuant to which writ it was agreed by the Mayor and Aldermen that the citizens and merchants of Sarum should for the future be quit of murage in the City of London.

Fo. xxii b.

Breve pro iiij^or navibus mittend' supra mare.

Writ of Edward, Duke of Cornwall, to the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City, for furnishing four ships with 300 men and four scummars (*skumarii*) with 160 men, with victuals for three months; the same to be sent to the port of Wynchelse by the middle of March to meet the rest of the fleet under the command of the Admiral, William Trussel, and to proceed thence to the defence of the realm against attacks from the French; further, for the arrest of all seaworthy ships in the port of London for the King's service. Dated at Westminster, 16 Feb., 13 Edward III. [A.D. 1338–9].

Fo. xxiii.

Mitigacio de numero dict' ar' quatuor navium supra mare mittend'.

By reason of the above writ, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty went to the King's Council and prayed an abatement of the number of ships named in the writ, and it was agreed that they should find only two ships competently manned with armed men.

[1] *Vide supra*, p. 30, note 4.

[2] 'Letter-Book E,' fo. clxxxvii.

Assessio Wardar' pro dictis navib' muniend' et h'oib' armand' etc.

Assessments of the Wards for equipping the above ships made by John Hamond, William de Brikelesworth, Simon Fraunceys, and Ralph de Uptone, Aldermen, Henry de Prestone, William de Ware, Henry Wymond, William Box, John de Aynesham, Adam Lucas, Robert de Shordiche, Bartholomew Deumars, Commoners, appointed for the purpose by Henry Darci, the Mayor, the Aldermen, and Commonalty, viz., for providing 160 men armed with haketon, plates, bacinets with visors (*aventaill'*), and gauntlets of plate, and 60 men armed with haketons and bacinets, and 20 grooms (*garcionibus*) and their wages, viz., 3 pence a day for two months for each man, to sail in the said ships under Sir William Trussel, Admiral of the Fleet of the Cinque Ports, and others, viz., from the mouth of the Thames, &c., viz.:—

Tower Ward, 6 men fully armed in manner specified, and 4 men armed with haketons and bacinets.

Billyngesgate, 6 men and 4 men.

Bridge, 6 men and 3 men.

Douegate, 6 men and 3 men.

Portsokne, 1 man and 1 man.

Bisshopesgate, 3 men and 2 men.

Candelwyk, 3 men and 4 men.

Alegate, 1 man and 1 man.

Langebourne, 3 men and 4 men.

Cornhulle, 3 men and 1 man.

Bradestrete, 4 men and 4 men.

Walbroke, 5 men and 3 men.

Vintry, 7 men and 3 men.

Bassieshawe, 1 man and 1 man.

Farndone Within, 6 men and 4 men.

Farndone Without, 5 men and 2 men.

Crepelgate Within, 6 men and 3 men.

Crepelgate Without, 2 men and 1 man.

Queenhithe, 3 men and 2 men.

Cordewanerstrete, 10 men and 6 men.

Bredstrete, 5 men and 3 men.

Aldresgate, 1 man and 2 men.

Castle Baynard, 3 men and 1 man.
Colmanstrete, 1 man and 2 men.
Chepe, 10 men and 6 men.
Lymestrete, the sum of 14*s*. for wages of a man for 8 weeks.

Fo. xxiii b. Thereupon a precept (*billa*) was sent to each Alderman to take steps for furnishing the quota of men and money assigned to his Ward, and to arrest those who proved rebellious.

Fo. xxiv. *Pleas before the lord the King held at Westminster, Hillary term, 13 Edward III.* [A.D. *1338–9*].

Libertas London' alloc' in banco Regis. Precept to the Sheriff of Lincoln that he demand Alan Ryngolf, of St. Botolph's, from county to county, &c., that he may be outlawed if he fail to appear, and kept in safe custody if he appear, &c., and that the said Sheriff have his body before the King on the morrow of the Purification [2 Feb.] to answer for divers trespasses. The Sheriff makes return that after four demands the said Alan failed to appear, but was mainprised. On the fifth demand he appeared, but was taken out of the Sheriff's custody on his way to the Court by the Sheriffs of London, who had lodged him in Neugate, the said Alan being appealed of having robbed Nicholas de Hurst, of co. Berks, of the sum of £20, in the town of St. Botolph, co. Lincoln, on Sunday before the Feast of the Nativity B. M. [8 Sept.], 12 Edward III. [A.D. 1338]. The Sheriffs of London, in their defence before the King at Westminster, say that the said Alan was found wandering at large in the City, and not in any custody, and that the said Nicholas had caused him to be arrested. They further say that the Mayor, citizens, and Sheriffs of London for the time being have the power, by grant of the King's ancestors, to take into custody all persons charged with any crime whatsoever within their own liberty, and to commit them to the King's gaol of Neugate, there to remain out of the charge of the Sheriffs until released by gaol delivery before the Justices according to the law and custom of the realm, and they ask that this franchise be allowed them, and that the said Alan should remain in their custody. Thereupon the matter

having been considered in the Parliament then assembled,[1] it was adjudged that inasmuch as the robbery of which the said Alan had been appealed was more odious than the trespass for which he was indicted, the said Alan should be remitted to Neugate in the custody of the aforesaid Sheriffs until, &c. Saving always the King's right, &c.

Script' Steph'i de Waltham per Ric'm Baldewyn et Agn' ux'm ejus.

Lease by Richard Baldewyn and Agnes his wife to Stephen, son of Hugh de Waltham, of certain shops in the parish of St. Peter de Cornhull, situate near the tenements of Nicholas Pycot and Thomas le Palmere, father of the aforesaid Agnes, for a term of seven years. Dated Tuesday after the Feast of the Annunciation B. M. [25 March], 13 Edward III. [A.D. 1339]. Witnesses, John Pycot, John Frere, Henry de Norhamptone, Robert de Manhale, James le Sherman, and others [not named].

Fo. xxiv b.

Wednesday before the Feast of St. George [23 April], 13 Edward III. [A.D. 1339], came Adam de Bures before William de Caustone, Richard de Berkynge, Alderman (*aldermanno*), and the Chamberlain, and renounced the guardianship of William, son of Ralph atte Rothe.

Custodia Will'i fil' Rad'i atte Rothe.

Thursday after the Feast of St. Mark [25 April], 13 Edward III. [A.D. 1339], the guardianship of William, son of Ralph atte Rothe, aged thirteen years, together with a messuage and shops in Whytcrouchestrete, in the parish of St. Giles without Crepelgate, committed to John de Refham, "pessoner," by Henry Darci, the Mayor, and the Aldermen. Sureties for the said John, viz., William Sendal, Stephen Page, "cotiller," and John de Horewode.

Afterwards, viz., on Tuesday before the Feast of St. Laurence [10 Aug.], 20 Edward III. [A.D. 1346], came the above William, son of Ralph, before Walter Turk, Alderman, and the Chamberlain, and acknowledged full satisfaction, and prayed that the aforesaid John de Refham might be quit.

Script' Thome West et ux'is ejus.

Lease by Robert de Hannam, "goldbetere," and Matilda his wife, daughter of John Dode, to Thomas West, girdler, and Matilda his wife of a tenement with shops, a postern and garden in the parish of St. Michael de Bassieshawe, for a term

[1] Sat from 3 to 17 Feb., 1339.

of seven years. Witnesses, John de Dallynge, Nicholas de Caustone, John Underwode, William Furnyval, Roger Stokfissh, John Amys, clerk, and others [not named]. Dated Thursday the Feast of the Ascension, viz., 6 May, 13 Edward III. [A.D. 1339].

Fo. xxv. *Carta Wynton'.*

Charter of Richard I. to the city of Winchester. Dated at "Nonancort," 14 March, 1 Richard [A.D. 1189–90].[1]

Alloc' facta civibus Wynton' de libertatibus suis.

The above charter was presented by Robert Inkepenne, citizen of Winchester, before Henry Darci, the Mayor, and the Aldermen, and they allow the aforesaid citizens of Winchester their liberties as allowed in the time of the Mayoralty of John Blount in the Book of Memoranda marked with the letter C, fol. lxxix.[2]

Fo. xxv b. *Bursar' electi ad custodiend' mester' eorum.*

Wednesday the eve of the Ascension [6 May], 13 Edward III. [A.D. 1339], John de Thremhale, Thomas de Hokyng, William de Bury, Thomas de Ismongereslane, Richard Paterlyng, and William Gandre, bursers (*bursarii*), elected and sworn before Henry Darci, the Mayor, and the Aldermen, to keep and supervise the articles made in the Husting, anno 1 Edward III., touching purses, braels, sheepskins, and counterfeit skins of "Roon," &c.[3]

Will's Simon admiss' in servientem Camere.

Monday after the Feast of SS. Peter and Paul [29 June], 13 Edward III. [A.D. 1339], William Simond de Coventre admitted Serjeant of the Chamber of the Guildhall and sworn before Henry Darci, the Mayor, John de Grantham, William de Caustone, Ralph de Uptone, Richard Lacer, Simon Fraunceys, John Hamond, John de Northall, Roger de Depham, John de Oxon', Richard de Hakeneye, Roger de Forsham, Richard Costantyn, Richard de Berkynge, and Andrew Aubrey, Aldermen, to hold the said office during good behaviour, taking for his yearly fee 40*s*.

[1] Printed in Rymer's 'Fœdera,' vol. i. pp. 50, 51.

[2] Referring to the agreement made between the citizens of London and Winchester in 1304, set out in Letter-Book C, fo. lxxxi b. ('Cal. Letter-Book C,' pp. 133, 134.)

[3] 'Memorials,' p. 204. In the following June these overseers of the craft of bursers or pouch-makers produced a number of pouches before the Mayor and Aldermen which they declared to be made contrary to rule, with the result that the pouches were ordered to be burnt in Chepe. 'Pleas and Memoranda,' Roll A 3, membr. 4.

Custod' Ric'i fil' Ric'i Darnel.

Wednesday after the Feast of St. Peter ad Vincula [1 Aug.], 13 Edward III. [A.D. 1339], the guardianship of Richard, son of Richard Darnel, aged sixteen years, committed by Henry Darci, the Mayor, and the Aldermen, to William Darnel, the uncle. Sureties for the said William, viz., Thomas le Barber without Bisshopesgate and Gilbert le Dieghere.

Afterwards, viz., on Tuesday the morrow of St. Luke [18 Oct.], the year aforesaid, came William de Grubbelane before Richard Lacer, Alderman, and the Chamberlain, and became a surety.

Afterwards, viz., on Monday before the Feast of St. Margaret [20 July], 18 Edward III. [A.D. 1344], came the above Richard, son of Richard Darnel, and acknowledged satisfaction before John de Mokkynge and John de Caustone, Aldermen, and Thomas de Maryns, the Chamberlain.

Br'e ad exon'and' co'itatem de viginti solid' de firma balli'e de Suthewerk exact' ultra deb it' firmam viz. £x.

Writ to the Treasurer and Barons of the Exchequer, reciting that whereas at the request of the citizens of London, who had complained before the Parliament at Westminster, anno 1 Edward III., that felons in the City avoided arrest by taking refuge in Southwark, the vill of Southwark had been granted to the City at the accustomed fee ferm rent;[1] and whereas the citizens had given the King to understand that the said vill had previously been let to ferm at £10, and no more, except when the King's father had let it to John de Lincoln at a ferm of £11, which latter sum the said Treasurer and Barons were now exacting from the City; and whereas they had been commanded to search the records of the Exchequer and the accounts of the Sheriffs of Surrey on the matter, and had certified that the aforesaid bailiwick had formed a part of the *corpus comitatus* of Surrey, and as such had its accounts rendered until the seventeenth year of Edward I., when the bailiwick became for the first time separated from the county, and was committed to Hugh de Jernemue at an annual rent of £10, and that in the first year of Edward II. the bailiwick had been given to the said Hugh, and in the third year to Adam le Chaundeler, and

[1] The letters patent were dated 6 March, 1 Edward III. [A.D. 1326–1327]. Cf. 'Liber Custumarum,' vol. ii. pp. 435-6.

afterwards to James de Poutham and Nicholas de Tunstall successively at £10, allowance of the same being made to the Sheriff of Surrey in the seventeenth year aforesaid and afterwards; and that the said Nicholas held the bailiwick until 4 Feb., 1 Edward III. [A.D. 1326–7], on which day it was given to John de Lincoln at a rent of £11 as aforesaid, no reason being recorded for the increased rent, and he held it until 6 March following, when it was granted to the City at the rent due and accustomed: For these reasons the King commands the said Treasurer and Barons to let the City be quit of the sum of 20*s*. paid in excess of the rent of £10. Witness, Edward, Duke of Cornwall and Earl of Chester, *Custos* of England, at Kenyngtone, 5 Aug., 13 Edward III. [A.D. 1339].

Fo. xxvi. Writ of Edward, Duke of Cornwall, to the Sheriffs, for the election of two citizens to attend a Parliament to be held at Westminster in the quinzaine of St. Michael [29 Sept.].[1] Dated at Wyndesore, 25 Aug., 13 Edward III. [A.D. 1339].

Fo. xxvi b. *Script' Ade Aspale et ux'is sue per Nich'm Godewine.* Grant by Nicholas Godewyne to Adam Asspale, skinner, and Auncelia his wife of a house, &c., in the parish of St. Mary de Wolcherchehawe, situate near the tenements of Adam de Wodehous and Peter de Pontefract, to hold the same for the term of their respective lives at an annual rent of 60*s*., H[enry] Darci, Mayor, Roger de Forsham and William de Thorneye, Sheriffs, John Hamond, Alderman of the Ward.[2] Witnesses, John de Brendewode, Ralph de Cantebrege, Thomas Leggy, Philip Swift, John Iveyne (Jueyne?), John de Wodehous, John Levelif, Peter de Grenstede, Adam de Helmedone, Richard de Ichehulle, and others [not named]. Dated Saturday the Feast of St. Dionisius [9 Oct.], 13 Edward III. [A.D. 1339].

ij*s*. vj*d*.

Lease by William de Littleford, "sherman," and Katherine his wife to Gilbert le Chaumberleyn and "Anneyse" his wife of a shop, &c., in the parish of St. Stephen Walebroke, situate near the tenement of William de Medelane; to hold the same for a term of thirteen years. Dated Thursday before the Feast of St. Margaret [20 July], 13 Edward III. [A.D. 1339].

[1] Sat from 13 to 28 Oct. Stubbs, 'Const. Hist.,' ii. 380n.

[2] Cornhill.

Fo. xxvii.

Custodia Joh'is fil' Simonis de Pekham.

Saturday after the Feast of St. Martin [11 Nov.], 13 Edward III. [A.D. 1339], the guardianship of John, son of Simon de Pekham, aged one year, together with the sum of 100*s.* received from John de Chippenham, one of the executors of the said Simon, entrusted to Matilda, the boy's mother, by Andrew Aubri, the Mayor, Roger de Depham, Richard de Berkyng, Roger de Forsham, and John de Northhall, Aldermen. Sureties for the said Matilda, viz., Richard de Kyselyngbury, "chaucer," and Thomas his brother.

Afterwards, viz., on Saturday after the Epiphany [6 Jan.], 30 Edward III. [A.D. 1356–7], the custody of the aforesaid John was committed to Hugh de Bermoundeseye, draper, by Simon de Worstede, Alderman, and Thomas de Waldene, the Chamberlain. Sureties, viz., Martin de Cavendisshe and R[ ] de Cavendisshe, draper (drapers?).

Afterwards, viz., on the 19th Jan., 34 Edward III. [A.D. 1360–1], came the above John, being of full age, before Hugh de Sadelyngstanes, William de Weld, Aldermen, and the Chamberlain, and acknowledged satisfaction for his property.

Murag' dimissum Rogero de Dunmowe.

Thursday after the Feast of All Saints [1 Nov.], 13 Edward III. [A.D. 1339], the murage of Smethefeld demised to Roger de Dunmowe, called "le Baillyf," until the Feast of SS. Simon and Jude [28 Oct.] next ensuing, by Andrew Aubry, the Mayor, John de Grantham, John Hamond, John de Northhall, John de Caustone, Roger de Depham, Richard de Berkyng, Roger de Forsham, Richard Lacer, and Simon Fraunceys, Aldermen; the said Roger paying one mark monthly into the Chamber. Sureties, viz., John de Stafford, "cordewaner," and John Fraunceys.

Murag' dimissum Will'o Simond.

The same day the murage of the Poultry as far as the Leadenhall (*ad aulam plumbi*) was demised to William Simond, Serjeant of the Chamber; he paying 12 pence weekly into the Chamber, excepting six weeks in Lent (*preterquam in quadragesima per vj septimanas*).

Fo. xxvii b.

Murag' dimissum Joh'i Russel.

Wednesday the eve of St. Katherine [25 Nov.], 13 Edward III. [A.D. 1339], the murage of Chepe demised to John Russel by Andrew Aubry, the Mayor, Roger de Depham,

John de Grantham, John de Oxon', Richard Lacer, Richard de Berkynge, John Hamond, and Roger de Forsham, for one year from the Feast of SS. Simon and Jude [28 Oct.] for 52 marks, payable 1 mark weekly.

De transgr' facta per Gerardum Corp.

At a congregation of Mayor, Aldermen, Sheriffs, and Commonalty held on Thursday the Feast of SS. Simon and Jude [28 Oct.], 13 Edward III. [A.D. 1339], there being present Henry Darci, Andrew Aubry, John de Grantham, Roger de Depham, John de Oxon', Richard de Rothynge, William de Brikelesworth, John de Northhalle, John de Caustone, Ralph de Uptone, Richard Costantyn, Richard de Berkynge, John Hamond, Nicholas Crane, Richard Lacer, and Roger de Forsham, Aldermen, Andrew Aubry elected Mayor *loco* Henry Darci, who had been Mayor the two previous years; and scarcely had the new Mayor taken the oath before Gerard Corp came and publicly charged the late Mayor with having vilified him, whereupon he was committed to Neugate.

Afterwards, viz., in a congregation of the aforesaid Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty held on Wednesday the morrow of Souls [2 Nov.], there being present Andrew Aubry the Mayor, Henry Darci, Roger de Depham, John de Grantham, John de Oxon', John Hamond, Simon Fraunceys. William de Caustone, Richard de Berkynge, John de Northhalle, William de Brikelesworth, Richard de Rothynge, and Nicholas Crane, Aldermen, the said Gerard came and acknowledged his fault, and was bound over in forty casks of wine for good behaviour. Sureties for the said Gerard, viz., Richard de Lomhuthe, Thomas Perle, John de Balsham, John de Dureme, Thomas Corp, Roger Osekyn, Richard de Todyngtone, Nicholas atte Brok, John de Stanhope, Laurence de Halywelle, Adam Harewold, and Reymund de Burdeux.[1]

De xl dol' vini.

Murag' de Billyng' dimissum Joh'i Chaundel'.

Wednesday before the Nativity of our Lord [25 Dec.], 13 Edward III. [A.D. 1339], the murage of Billyngesgate demised to John Chaundeler de Billyngesgate by Andrew Aubry, the Mayor, and Aldermen for one year from the said Feast for £20, payable quarterly.

[1] 'Memorials,' pp. 207-8.

Fos. xxviii–xxix.

Carta Reg' pro civib' Wynton'.

Inspeximus charter of Edward III. to the citizens of Winchester. Dated at Notyngham, 5 May, 1 Edward III. [A.D. 1327]. It inspects the following charters, viz.:—

(1) Charter dated at Westminster, 20 June, 18 Edward I. [A.D. 1290], which inspects a charter dated at Westminster, 4 May, 11 Henry III. [A.D. 1227].

(2) Two charters of Henry II. dated at Sarum.[1]

Fo. xxix.

Br'e pro ducent' quarter' frumenti habend' non obstant' proclam' ante fact'.

Writ of Edward, Duke of Cornwall, *Custos* of England, to the Mayor and Sheriffs to allow the servants of John Tybelot, who was about to cross the sea in the King's service, to export 200 quarters of corn, notwithstanding proclamation to the contrary. Dated at Kenyngtone, 8 Nov., 13 Edward III. [A.D. 1339].

Br'e R' ad habend' d'nos navium in portu London' coram consilio d'ni R' apud Westm'.

Similar writ enjoining them to send three or four owners of ships (*dominos navium*) or others to confer with the King's Council at Westminster the morrow of St. Hillary [13 Jan.] next touching the safety of the realm and the navy, and to forthwith get ready all vessels of 40 tuns burden and more (*quadraginta dolia et ultra portantes*[2]) for crossing the sea. Dated at Langeleye, 10 Dec., 13 Edward III. [A.D. 1339].

Thereupon there were elected Goscelin de Clive, Ralph atte Pole, John atte Mede, and William le Ridere, who were sent to attend the Council.

Fo. xxix b.

Breve pro parliamento.

Writ to the Sheriffs for the election of two citizens to attend a Parliament to be held at Westminster in the octave of St. Hillary [13 Jan.] next,[3] at the same time intimating that the King's business hitherto discussed in Parliament had been oftentimes impeded by reason of elections of knights, citizens, and burgesses to attend the Parliaments having been made without due consideration (*minus provide extiterunt*). Dated at Langele, 6 Nov., 13 Edward III. [A.D. 1339].

[1] Both these charters are printed in Stubbs, 'Select Charters' (pp. 165-166), from Woodward's 'Hampshire' (i. 271). Cf. Gross, 'The Gild Merchant,' ii. 252.

[2] From this it appears that the "tonnage" or carrying power of a vessel was originally judged by the number of "tuns" or casks (*dolia*) it could safely take on board. The term would therefore be more correctly spelt "tunnage."

[3] Sat from 20 Jan. to 19 Feb., 1340. Stubbs, 'Const. Hist.,' ii. 381n.

By virtue of the above writ there were elected by the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty, William de Brikelesworth, John de Mockyng, Aldermen, and Adam Lucas, Commoner, to attend the said Parliament.

De £x legat' Joh'e de Hakeneye et pueris suis et de securitate inventa pro eisdem etc.

Monday after the Feast of St. Martin [11 Nov.], 13 Edward III. [A.D. 1339], came Johanna de Hakeneye into the Chamber and acknowledged the receipt of 100*s.* from John de Oxon' and John Keekhorne, executors of John de Caunteneye, being a moiety of a sum bequeathed to her by the said John de Caunteneye, for the maintenance of herself and her children begotten by the said John, and she agreed that a similar sum should be delivered to John Paul, "pottere," in trust for herself and John, son of the said John de Caunteneye, for a term of ten years. Surety for the said John Paul, viz., William de Wedone, "peleter."

Custodia Will'i fil' Will'i Twomer.

Wednesday after the Feast of St. Hillary [13 Jan.], 13 Edward III. [A.D. 1339–40], came Simon Seman and Reginald Baudry, executors of William Twomer, before Andrew Aubry, the Mayor, Roger de Depham, the Recorder, William de Brikelesworth, Alderman, and Thomas de Maryns, the Chamberlain, and agreed that the guardianship of William, son of the said William Twomer, aged nine years, should be committed to Geoffrey de Rokyngham, cordwainer, together with the sum of £24 15*s.* and implements of a tanner's craft worth £8 9*s.* 2*d.*, and a house in the parish of St. Giles without Crepelgate, to hold the same in trust for the said William during minority. Sureties for the said Geoffrey, viz., Robert de Bristoll, saddler, John de Stafford, cordwainer, and Robert de Harengeye, "coureour."

Fo. xxx.

Custod' Agnet' filie p'dicti Will'i Twom'.

The same day the guardianship of Agnes, daughter of William Twomer, aged eight years, together with the sum of £24 15*s.* and three houses, was committed to Reginald Baudri. Sureties for the said Reginald, viz., Walter Baudry and Walter Mosehache.

(Afterwards, viz., on Monday after the Feast of St. Ambrose [4 April], 23 Edward III. [A.D. 1349], came Henry Myre, who

had married the above Agnes, and acknowledged that he had received the above property.)

Custodia Joh'ne fil' p'dicti Will'i Twomer.

The same day the guardianship of Johanna, daughter of the said William, together with her property, was committed to Simon Seman. Sureties for the said Simon, viz., John le Rede and John Seman, curriers.

Fo. xxx b.

Indenture of defeasance of a recognizance in the sum of £50 made by Richard de Foxcote, co. Glouces., before Andrew Aubrey, the Mayor, and William de Carletone, the King's clerk appointed for recognizances of debts under the Statute of Acton Burnel, in favour of Geoffrey Oede of "Astone under Egge," co. Glouces., on condition that the said Richard pay the said Geoffrey the sum of £8 6*s.* 8*d.* on the morrow of the Epiphany next, in the church of St. Kenelm at Wynchecoumbe,[1] and a similar sum on the Feast of St. Kenelm, King and Martyr [17 July], and so from year to year until the whole debt be paid. Dated at London in the parish of St. "Auntelin," near Sopereslane, Monday after the Purification [2 Feb.], 14 Edward III. [A.D. 1339–40].

L'ra d'ni R' directa Maiori et co'itati de adventu suo ex partibus transmarinis.

Letter from the King to the Mayor and Commonalty of the City of London, notifying his arrival at Lescluse[2] on Saturday the 19th Feb., and of his intention to set sail at the next tide (*a la primer oree*), so that they may be prepared for his arrival. Dated at Lescluse, Sunday, the 20th Feb. [A.D. 1339–40].

L'ra d'ni R' E. III. directa diversis magnatibus et proceribʼ regni Francie et publicata in diversis locis ejusdem regni etc.

The same to all Peers, Prelates, Dukes, &c., and Commons of the realm of France, calling upon them to acknowledge his claim to the crown of France, and to cause this letter to be publicly exposed on churches and other places. Dated at "Gaunt," 8 Feb., 14 Edward III. [A.D. 1339–40].[3]

[1] Winchcomb, co. Glouces.

[2] Sluys.

[3] The letter is in French, and dated the first year of the King's reign over France. Printed in Rymer's 'Fœdera,' Vol. II. pt. ii. p. 1111. Although Edward used the title of King of France as early as the 7th Oct., 1337, it was not until the 26th Jan., 1340, that the year of his nominal reign over that country appears (as here) in any document in juxtaposition to the year of his reign over England. Nicolas, 'Chron. of Hist.,' p. 299.

Fo. xxxi.

Breve pro parliamento.

Writ to the Sheriffs of London for the election of two citizens to attend a Parliament to be held at Westminster on Wednesday after the Sunday in mid-Lent.[1] Dated at "Herewyz,"[2] 21 Feb., 14 Edward III. [A.D. 1339–40].

Returnum brevis.

Return: We send you William de Brikelesworth, Richard de Rothynge, and Richard de Berkynge, so that three or two of them may attend the Parliament.

Fo. xxxi b.

Allocacio muragii facta civibus Norwyci.

Thursday after the Feast of St. Ambrose [4 April], 14 Edward III. [A.D. 1340], came William de Blakeneye, Alan de Sharlyngtone, William de Dunstone, and John Blaunchard, citizens of Norwich, and complained of murage being demanded of them in the City of London, contrary to the liberties granted to them by the King's predecessors. Thereupon, their charter being read, it was agreed by the Mayor and Aldermen that citizens of Norwich should thenceforth be quit of murage.

De allocacione murag' facta Burgensibus de Lenne.

Friday before the Feast of St. Ambrose [4 April], 14 Edward III. [A.D. 1340], came Thomas de Melchebourne, and other burgesses of the town of Lenne,[3] before Andrew Aubry, the Mayor, and the Aldermen, and brought the King's writ, dated at Kenyngtone, 28 Jan., 14 Edward III. [A.D. 1339–40], reciting that burgesses of the said town were quit of murage by charter of the King's father, &c. Thereupon it was agreed by the said Mayor and Aldermen that the said burgesses should in future be quit of murage, &c.

Allocacio muragii facta civibus de Cork in Hibernia.

Tuesday the morrow of SS. Philip and James [1 May], 14 Edward III. [A.D. 1340], came good men of the town of Cork in Ireland and complained of being subjected to murage, and produced the charter of liberties granted to them by King Henry III., whereby they were to be quit of murage. Exemption allowed.

Allocacio facta civibus Dublinee de muragio prestando per breve.

Friday after the Feast of the Invention of H. Cross [3 May], 14 Edward III. [A.D. 1340], came William Foyl of Dublin and made a similar complaint, and produced the King's writ to the Mayor and Sheriffs of London, dated at Westminster, 1 May,

[1] Sat from the 29th March, and again (by adjournment) from the 19th April until the 10th May. Stubbs, 'Const. Hist.,' ii. 381n.

[2] Harwich, where the King had recently landed on his return from France.

[3] Lynn, co. Norf.

14 Edward III. [A.D. 1340], that they allow citizens of Dublin to be quit of toll. Exemption allowed.

Fo. xxxii.

Custodia pueror' Ric'i Denys aur'.

Friday after the Feast of St. George [23 April], 14 Edward III. [A.D. 1340], came Roisia, late wife of Richard Denys, goldsmith, before Andrew Aubri, the Mayor, Roger de Depham, John de Caustone, and the rest of the Aldermen [not named], and Thomas de Maryns, the Chamberlain, and acknowledged she had the guardianship of Richard, Thomas, and John, her children, and of the property left to them by their father under the will of the said Richard Denys,[1] and she found sureties, viz., Maurice Turgis, and Nicholas, son of William de Bray.

Custodia Thome fil' Thome de Gartone.

Monday the morrow of the Feast of St. George [23 April], 14 Edward III. [A.D. 1340], the guardianship of Thomas, son of Thomas de Gartone, aged two years, and of his property, committed to Idonia, late wife of the said Thomas de Gartone, by Andrew Aubry, the Mayor, John de Grantham, Roger de Depham, John de Caustone, John Hamond, Ralph de Uptone, William de Brikelesworth, Richard de Rothynge, and John de Refham, Aldermen, and Thomas de Maryns, the Chamberlain. Sureties for the said Idonia, viz., William de Grantham, pepperer, and William Clapitus, vintner.

Fo. xxxii b.

On Ash Wednesday [1 March], 14 Edward III. [A.D. 1339–1340], came Sir Robert de Askeby, clerk of the lord the King, to the Guildhall, and announced to Andrew Aubri, the Mayor, on the King's behalf, that he and all the Aldermen, together with the more discreet and wealthier men of the City, were to appear before the King and his Council at Westminster on the following Thursday to treat of certain matters. Upon their appearing on the day named the King desired a loan of £20,000, and allowed them until the next day to consider the matter. On Friday the Mayor, Aldermen, and a great Commonalty, after consulting together in the Chapter House at Westminster, agreed to advance the sum of 5,000 marks and no more. This sum was rejected as inadequate, and they were ordered to bring the names of all the wealthier citizens in writing, to be sub-

[1] His will was proved and enrolled in the Court of Husting in March, 1340. See 'Cal. of Wills,' vol. i. p. 437.

mitted to the King and his Council for purpose of assessment on the following Sunday. On which day there were assembled at the Guildhall a little after sunrise Andrew Aubri, the Mayor, John de Grantham, Henry Darci, Roger de Depham, John de Caustone, William de Caustone, John de Oxon', Simon Fraunceys, John Hamond, Richard Lacer, Richard de Hakeneye, Ralph de Uptone, John de Northhalle, Roger de Forsham, Nicholas Crane, Richard Costantyn, and Richard de Berkynge, Aldermen, and an immense Commonalty of the wealthier and more reputable men of the City, and after much debate it was agreed to advance to the King the sum of £5,000, and Sir John de Pulteneye, Andrew Aubry, the Mayor, and Roger de Depham were dispatched to the King to learn if he would accept that amount. The offer being accepted, the following were appointed to assess the inhabitants for the amount, viz., John Hamond, Ralph de Uptone, and Richard de Hakeneye, Aldermen, Henry Prestone, William Haunsard, Adam Lucas, John de Dallynge, John de Brendewode, Thomas de Canterbury, Robert de Shordiche, John Tornegold, and John de Bedeford, Commoners,[1] and they made the assessment as follows :—

Fo. xxxiii. Andrew Aubry, the Mayor, £100; John de Oxon', £300; Simon Fraunceys, £300; John Hamond, £120; John de Grantham, £60; William de Brikelesworth, £60; Simon de Brunnesford, £40; Richard de Hakeneye, £50 Henry de Combemartyn, £30; Richard de Rothynge, £200; John Anketil, £20; John Lovekyn, £30; Bartholomew Deumars, £60; Walter de Mordone, £80; William Box, £40; William Brangwayn, £10.

The above paid beyond the sea to James de Artefeld.[2]

William de Thorneye, £20; William de Caustone, £400; Richard le Mirourer, £100; Richard de Berkynge, £20; Nicholas Crane, £100; John atte Barnette, £10; Roger de Ely, £10; Robert de Hennewod, 100*s.*; Hugh atte Cokke, 100*s.*; Walter de Bamptone, 100*s.*; Simon de Hestone, 100*s.*; Richard

[1] Set out thus far in 'Memorials,' pp. 208-210.

[2] James van Artevelde, the famous Fleming who had recently brought about a treaty between England and the Flemings, by virtue of which the latter acknowledged Edward's title as King of France.

Chaucer,[1] £10; John de Gartone, £10; William de Henhampstede, £10; Richard de Lincoln, £10; Giles de Bergholte, £10; Elyas Musshe, £10; Edmund de Femenhale, £10; John Trappe, £7; John Bole, 100*s.*; Richard de Totyngtone, £10; John de Kelyngworth, 100*s.*; Simon Rote, 100*s.*; Roger le Carpenter, £7; John Houlyn and his partner, 100*s.*; John Dynbegh, 100*s.*; Richard Lacer, £100; Richard Costantyn, £10; Thomas de Worstede, £10; William de Poumfreyt, £30; Henry Cheyner, £20; Nicholas de Caustone, £10; Simon de Berkynge, £10; Richard de Basyngstoke, £10; John de Colewell, 100*s.*; John de Kyselyngbery, £10; Roger de Frowyk, 100*s.*; John de Totenham, chandler, 100*s.*; Thomas de Norhamptone, draper, £10; Simon de Worstede, 100*s.*; Reginald Baudry, 100*s.*; Walter Baudry, 40*s.*; Robert Haryngey, 100*s.*; Walter Neel, £100; Michael Mynot, £40; Walter Turk, £20; William Clapitous, £20; John Fynche, £10; Adam de Dodeford, £10; Roger Madour, 100*s.*; Theobald de Caustone, 100*s.*; Ralph de Uptone, £40; Torr[us] Ody, Lombard, 100*s.*; John Deynes, 100*s.*; John Busshe, 100*s.*; John de Dallynge, £10; John Husebond, £60; John Syward, £40; John de Ayllesham, £20; John de Toppesfeld, £10; Gilbert Palmere, £25; Adam Brabazon, £10; Hamo le Barber, £10; John de Godestone, £20; William de Aungre, 100*s.*; John de Ware, £10; Robert de Gildeford, £7; John de Gloucestre, £25; William de Ware, £25; Richard de Kyselyngbery, £25; Geoffrey de Bodele, £10; Richard Rous, 100*s.*; Roger de Bernes, £10; Gilbert le Dieghere, £15; Stephen de Staneford, £10; Nicholas de Burgh, 100*s.*; William de Neuport, 100*s.*; Geoffrey le Mirourer, £20; Thomas de Cavendisshe, £80; Nicholas le Girdelere, £10; John de Knopwede, £20; John de Enefeld, £10; Roger de Astewode, £10; Fo. xxxiii b.
William de Grubbelane, £15; Bartholomew Thomasyn, £50; Burnet Lespicer, £10 John Pecche and his partner, £25; Gore Lombard, £20; John de Nortone, 100*s.*; Henry le Glovere, called "le Fanere," £10; John de Romburgh, £10; Henry atte Rothe, £10; Thomas Bole, 100*s.*; Thomas de Macchyng,

[1] Probably the third husband of Mary, the grandmother of Geoffrey Chaucer the poet. See 'Cal. Letter-Book E,' Introd., p. xxv.

100*s.*; John de Beseville, 100*s.*; Thomas de Waledene, £10; William de Elsyng, junior, 100*s.*; William de Skeltone, 100*s.*; Jordan de Elsyng, 100*s.*; Gilbert Curteys, 100*s.*; Richard Ruthyn, 100*s.*; Thomas de Brandone, £10; Roger Chauntecler, £160; Hugh le Marbrer, £20; Hugh de Brandone, £10; Richard Kyng, £10; Simon atte Gate, £10; William Sporon, 100*s.*; Geoffrey atte Gate, 100*s.*; Robert le Roo, 100*s.*; Thomas Hardy, 100*s.*; Andrew de Seccheford, 100*s.*; Walter de Harewedone, 100*s.*; Robert le Mareschal, goldsmith 100*s.*; William de Pertenhale, £10; Philip Dykeman, 100*s.*; Walter Mosehacche, 100*s.*; Robert Albon, 100*s.*; John Swift, 100*s.*; Richard de Toppesfeld, 100*s.* Roger Wenlok, 100*s.*; William de Rammeseye, £10; John Smart, 100*s.*; John Bonet, 100*s.*; William Haunsard, £40; Richard Ascelyn, £20; Henry Wymond, £20; John atte Pole, 100*s.*; Nicholas Pyk,[1] £20; Laurence de Braghyng and his partner, £10; Geoffrey de Wyntertone, £7; Henry Cros, 100*s.*; Edmund de Saunford, 100*s.*; Thomas Broun, £10; John de Caustone, £30; Alan Gille, £30; Robert le Ropere, £10; Adam Pykeman, £20; Richard de Lomhethe, 100*s.*; Goscelin de Clive, 100*s.*; John Joye, 100*s.*; Henry Sterre, 100*s.*; Richard Double, 100*s.*; Thomas de Ware, 100*s.*; John Yon, 100*s.*; William Turk, 100*s.*; William Doget, 100*s.*; John de Mockyng, £80; Robert de Thorneye, £20; John de Croydone, £15; Thomas de Bery, 100*s.*; John Lambyn, £10; Adam Lucas, £15; Roger Chaundeler, 100*s.*; John Turk, 100*s.*; Ralph de Lenne, £10; Richard Paterlyng, 100*s.*; Reginald le Fourbour, 100*s.*; John de la Rokele, £50; Henry de Prestone, £10; John de Westone, £10; Thomas de Holdene, 100*s.*; Arnald de Lenne, 100*s.*; William de Wyrcestre, £30; John Bretyn, £15; William de Stanford, 100*s.*; William Swift, 100*s.*; Geoffrey le Mauner, 100*s.*; Herman Skippere, 100*s.*; Henry de Braughyng, £40; Geoffrey le Botiller, 100*s.*; Thomas de Wyncestre, 100*s.*; John Odierne, 100*s.*; Walter Paterling, 100*s.*; John de Northhalle, £30; Reginald de Conduit, £60; Geoffrey Aleyn, £25; John Hablond, 100*s.*;

[1] This name struck out, and a marginal note added to the effect that he paid nothing *quia dominus Rex misit pro eo.*

Thomas Leggy, £20; John de Brendewode, £10; Ralph de Cantebregge, 100*s.*; William de Kent, "tannere," 100*s.*; John Levelif, 100*s.*; Robert de Manhale, 100*s.*; Adam Aspal, 100*s.*; John Owayn, 100*s.*; Maurice Turgys, £10; Andrew Portenar, £20; Nicholas Ponge, 100*s.*; James Sherman, 100*s.*; Henry Darci, £40; John Hauteyn, £10; John Herewardstoke and his partner, £15; Richard de Staundone, £10; Simon Brunne, £20; John le Chaundeler, £10; Roger de Forsham, £20; John de Yakeslee, £10; William le Hore, 100*s.*; Nicholas atte Mersshe, 100*s.*; William de Cave, £10; Simon de Mereworth, £20; Richard le Long, £20; John de Bedeford, £10; Richard de Carletone, 100*s.*; Thomas de Farnham, 100*s.*; John le Neve, 100*s.*; Thomas de Canterbury, 100*s.*; Walter Page, 100*s.*; Simon le Bakere, 100*s.*; Adam de St. Alban, £10; Robert de Eynesham, £10; William de Wetheresfeld, 100*s.*; John de Coggeshale, 100*s.*; Simon de Stoppeslee, called "Semen," 100*s.*; John Marchaunt, 100*s.* Fo. xxxiv.

Sum total, £5,000.

Afterwards, viz., on Wednesday after the Feast of St. Gregory [12 March], 14 Edward III. [A.D. 1339-40], Master William de la Zouche, Dean of York and the King's Treasurer, sent a letter (*billam*) to the Mayor, Aldermen, and citizens, bidding them deliver the sum of £5,000 thus raised to Sir John de Thorp, clerk to the said Master William de la Zouche. Pursuant to which letter the money (less the sum of £20 owing by Nicholas Pyk) was paid to the said Sir John as follows:—

By John de Pulteneye, on behalf of John de Gaunt and "Colo" Coluche, £1,200; by Richard de Grymmesby, goldsmith of York, for making of the great seals, £20; by the Earl of Oxford, £193 6*s.* 8*d.*; by Conraud Clippyng and his partners, £200; by the hands of the Earls of Salisbury and Suffolk, £72; by Martin Dansete of Bayonne and Pelegrin de Luka, £200; by Reymond Boner, "Nuncius" of Gascony, £8 16*s.*; by Simon de Hale, £1,500; by James de Artefeld, £1,500; by Thomas de Maryns, the Chamberlain of London, 16*s.* 4*d.*; by Thomas de Eynefeld, 100 marks; by Thomas de Maryns, the Chamberlain of London, in money counted, £18 6*s.* 8*d.* Fo. xxxiv b.

A recognizance entered into by John [Stratford], Archbishop of Canterbury, William la Zouche, Dean of the church of St. Peter at York, Henry de Ferariis, Knt., William de Kildesby, clerk, and John de Pulteneye, Knt., for the above sum of £5,000 as due to Andrew Aubrey, the Mayor, John de Oxon', Simon Fraunceys, Walter de Mordone, Henry Wymond, and Thomas de Maryns; the same to be paid on the Feast of the Nativity of St. John Bapt. [24 June] next ensuing. Failing which they agree that the money be raised on their lands and chattels in the county of Kent and elsewhere. Witness the King at Wyndesore, 24 March, 14 Edward III. [A.D. 1339–40].

Thursday after the Feast of St. Dunstan [19 May], 14 Edward III. [A.D. 1340], Andrew Aubry, the Mayor, John de Grantham, Roger de Depham, John Hamond, and John de Resham [*sic*], Aldermen, William de Thorneye, the Sheriff, John de Hardyngham, William de Iford, and Adam de Bury appeared on summons before the King at the Tower, and were informed of certain liberties which the King had granted to the men of Flanders, and which he desired to be confirmed by the seal of the Archbishops, Bishops, Earls, and Barons, and the common seals of the cities of London, York, Lincoln, and Norwich, the town of Bristol, and of the Cinque Ports, for the honour of the Crown and welfare of the realm. After due consideration of the same it was agreed by all the Aldermen and the wealthier and more discreet men of each Ward that the Common Seal should be put to the grant, the terms of which are set out; and the seal was so put on Monday before the Feast of St. Petronilla [31 May], the year aforesaid.

Fos. xxxv–xxxvi b.

Grant, with the assent of Parliament held at Westminster Wednesday after mid-Lent, 14 Edward III. [A.D. 1340],[1] of certain liberties, &c., to the inhabitants of Gaunt, Bruges, and Ipre in particular and of Flanders generally, comprising (*inter alia*) the establishment of the wool staple in Brabant, the free importation of cloth into England, and the exportation of wool from England at the toll hitherto accustomed, &c. Such privileges not to be prejudicial to the franchises, customs,

[1] *Vide supra*, p. 44, note 1.

&c., of the City of London, or of other cities, boroughs, or towns within the realm of England.[1]

The King's letter of credence to the Mayor, Sheriffs, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City in favour of Sir Thomas Wake de Lidell, Sir Nicholas de la Beche, and Sir William de Beauchamp, Knts., who would tell them of the King's wishes touching the navy, the soldiers, victuals, &c. Dated at Ipswich, 12 June, 14 Edward III. [A.D. 1340]. Fo. xxxvii. *L'ra de credenc' missa Maiori, Vic', Alder'is et co'itati pro d'no Thoma "de" Wake et al' aud'.*

Another letter to the same bidding them prevent any vessel leaving the Port of London for foreign parts before the King sets sail. Dated at Ipswich, 13 June, 14 Edward III. [A.D. 1340]. *Item al' l'ra direct' eisdem de navibus non permittend' exire extra portum London'.*

Letters patent appointing R[oger de Northburgh], Bishop of Coventre and Lichefeld, Thomas Wake de Lydell, William de Beauchamp, and Nicholas de la Beche commissioners to seize and fit out for war all vessels of forty tuns of wine and more burden,[2] and ships called "flunes" ("fluves"?), found in the Port of London or elsewhere, and to have them in the Port of Orewell on a certain day. Dated at Ipswich, 11 June, 14 Edward III. [A.D. 1340]. *Comissio facta d'nis Ep'o Coventre et Lich' Thome Wak' et al' prout patet pro navibus arrestand' et muniend'.*

The above letters having been read on the 14th June, before the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty, and in the presence of Sirs Thomas de Wake, William de Beauchamp, and Nicholas de la Beche, the said Mayor, &c., agreed to send to the King at Orewell three hundred armed men at the King's own expense, and eight Aldermen and sixteen [*sic*] commoners were elected to make an assessment for raising and dispatching the force, viz..

Fo. xxxvii b.

Aldermen: Richard Lacer, Richard de Rothyng, William de Brikelesworth, Richard de Hakeneye, Simon Fraunceys, Richard de Berkynge, John de Northhalle, Ralph de Uptone.

[1] The French antiquary the late Jules Delpit ('Collect. Générale des Documents Français qui se trouvent en Angleterre,' Introd., pp. cxxiv-cxxv) appears to have fallen into a chronological error in supposing that the favour here shown to the Flemings, and the saving clause with reference to the rights and privileges of the City of London, were in any way the result of the King's victory at Sluys, which did not take place until Midsummer Day following.

[2] *Vide supra*, p. 41, note 2.

Commoners : Walter de Mordone, William Haunsard, John de Croydone, Adam Lucas, John de Bedeford, Henry Graspays, Henry Wymond, William Box, Thomas Broun, Thomas de Canterbury, John Anketil, Richard le Rous, Adam Hurel, Andrew de Seccheford, Robert de Shordyche, William de Mordone, Richard de Lomhethe.

Fo. xxxviii.

Breve pro parliamento.

Writ to the Sheriffs for the election of two citizens to attend a Parliament to be held at Westminster on Wednesday after the Feast of the Translation of St. Thomas [7 July], the King being about to cross the sea for the recovery of his rights and crown.[1] Witness the King at Westminster, 30 May, 14 Edward III. [A.D. 1340].

Carta cissor London'.

Charter of liberties to the Tailors and Linen-Armourers of the City, permitting them to hold their guild once a year for the regulation of their craft and servants subject to the survey of the Mayor for the time being, or his deputy, and good men of the said craft, and forbidding any to hold a table or shop for exercising such craft, unless free of the City, &c. Witness the King at Westminster, 10 March, 1 Edward III. [A.D. 1326–7].

The above liberties allowed by Andrew Aubrey, the Mayor, and Aldermen on Friday after the Feast of St. Margaret [20 July], 14 Edward III. [A.D. 1340]. Further, it was ordained by the said Tailors and Armourers, and allowed by the said Mayor and Aldermen, that no one of their crafts should be admitted to the freedom of the City unless certified as a fit and proper person by six out of the twenty-four men whose names are subscribed, viz., Henry de Cauntebregge, Giles de Westmelle, Robert de Gildeford, Thomas de Cornewaylle, William de Lendefeith, William Spark, Henry atte Shawe, John Kyng, Robert de Uttokeshatere, John de Martinescroft, John le Walshe, Richard de Carlele, Henry de Chestre (*mortuus*), Alan de Fisshbourne, Adam de Essex, John de Draytone, John Pynchebek, John atte Broke, Alexander de Waldeby, Stephen de Roystone, John de Debenham, Walter de Bedeford, John de Farle, Robert de Grandone, Giles atte Ponde (*mortuus*), Hugh de Portesmouth.

Fo. xxxviii b.

Nomina predictorum xxiiij cissorum.

[1] The crown of France, to which he laid claim.

Thursday before the Feast of Nativity of St. John the Baptist [24 June], 14 Edward III. [A.D. 1340], the wharf of St. Botolph demised by Andrew Aubrey, the Mayor, and Thomas de Maryns, the Chamberlain, to John Sperlyng and Richard de Evere for one year at £12.

De Kayo Sancti Botulphi dimisso.

The Mayor and citizens in their account with the Exchequer touching a fifteenth and a tenth for three years granted to the King by the laity anno 11.

Alloc' in scaccario fact' civib' pro xv^a triennali.

Deed of surrender by William de Stanes, spicer, to Walter de Chesthunte, Knt., of all his goods and chattels, amounting in value to £100, in part payment of the sum of £277 due under a bond. Witnesses, Bartholomew Thomasyne, Nicholas William, John Pecche, Thomas de Holebeche, John de Coggeshale, and others [not named]. Dated at Bokeleresbery, 12 Aug., 14 Edward III. [A.D. 1340].

Script' d'ni Walt'i de Chesthunte milit' per Will'm de Stanes.

John de Coloine, Giles de Westmelle, William de Derby, Robert de Gildeford, John Beseville, Roger de Coloyne, John de Creytone, John Walshe, Richard de Karlyl, William Spark, Ralph de Portfolk, Adam de Essex, John de Pynchebek, John atte Broke, Stephen de Roystone, William de Passeware, John Medeford, Walter de Fencote, John Yrisshe, William de Romburch, Thomas de Bernam, John Devenych, Thomas de Sam, Richard de Stoke.

Nomina cissor' de novo elector' temp. Joh'is Lovekyn Maior'.

Deed of acquittance by Alice de Pommesbourne, Prioress of Kellebourne, to Nicholas, called "Blakecoll," vintner, for an annual charge of 20*s*. on the rent of a tenement in "la Bowelane" in the parish of St. Michael de Paternosterchurche. Dated in the Chapter at Kellebourne, Thursday the Feast of SS. Simon and Jude [28 Oct.], A.D. 1339.

Fo. xxxix.

Letter from King Edward III. to his son, the Duke of Cornwall, giving an account of the battle of Sluys, fought on Midsummer Day, A.D. 1340. Dated on board the cogg "Thomas," Wednesday the Eve of SS. Peter and Paul [29 June].[1]

L'ra d'ni R' direct' filio suo Duci Cornub' de bello supra mare percusso die Nativit' Sc'i Joh'is Bapt'.

[1] Printed in Delpit's 'Collection Générale des Documents Français qui se trouvent en Angleterre,' pp. 67, 68.

Fo. xxxix b.

L'ra directa Ph'o de Valoys per d'um Regem Edwardum tercium.

The same to Philip de Valois, laying claim to the crown of France, and offering to support his claim by a duel between themselves, or with 100 men on either side, or with their whole armies, so that the war might be finished in ten days. Dated at "Chyn sur les champs deleez Turneye,"[1] 27 July [A.D. 1340].

Responsio dicti Ph'i de Valoys.

Reply of Philip de Valois to the above letter, notifying his intention of expelling Edward III. from France. Dated on the field near the Priory of St. Andrew, 30 July, A.D. 1340.[2]

Fo. xl.

Writ to the Mayor that he cause four of the more discreet and wealthy men of the City to attend a Council to be held at Westminster or London on Monday after the Feast of St. Michael [29 Sept.] next ensuing. Witness, E[dward], Duke of Cornwall and Earl of Chester, guardian of England, at Andevere, 15 Sept., 14 Edward III. [A.D. 1340].

Thereupon the following were elected to go with Andrew Aubrey, the Mayor, viz., Simon Fraunceys, William Briklesworth, Walter de Mordone, and John de Dallynge.

Breve de treuga capta et proclamata int' d'um R' Angl' et Franc' et Ph'm de Valoys.

Writ to the Mayor and Sheriffs of London for proclaiming a truce that had been made with Philip de Valois until Midsummer Day next ensuing. Dated at London, 6 Oct., 14 Edward III. [A.D. 1340].[3]

Fos. xl b-xli.

The account of Thomas de Maryns, the Chamberlain of the Guildhall, touching receipts and disbursements up to the Feast of St. Michael [29 Sept.], 14 Edward III. [A.D. 1340], rendered before William de Brikelesworth, Richard de Berkynge, John de Northhalle, Aldermen, John de Ayllesham, Thomas de Canterbury, Reginald de Thorpe, Richard de Kyselyngbery, John de Kelyngworth, Robert de Shordiche, John de Croydone, John de Bredstrete, and Richard de Lambhuthe, commoners, appointed [auditors] by the Mayor, Alder-

[1] Chin-lez-Tournai. The letter is printed in Rymer's 'Fœdera' (Vol. II. part ii. p. 1131), but the date there given is the 26th July. Sandford ('Genealog. Hist.,' p. 161) gives the date as the 17th July, and is followed by Barnes ('Life of Edward III.,' p. 189).

[2] Printed in Rymer's 'Fœdera,' Vol. II. pt. ii. pp. 1131-2.

[3] *Id.*, Vol. II. pt. ii. p. 1137.

men, and Commonalty, Thursday the Feast of St. Matthew, Ap. [21 Sept.], 14 Edward III. [A.D. 1340].

Total of receipts, £274 3*s.* 3½*d.*
Total of expenses, £283 9*s.* 7¼*d.*

Among receipts there occur the following:—From the last account and from John Hardyngham, 118*s.* 4½*d.*; from redemptions of freedom and apprenticeships, £96 19*s.* 4*d.*; from Alan Gille and his fellow-Wardens of the Bridge, by loan, £30; from arrears for springalds, £13 9*s.*; from ox-hides and tallow, 30*s.*; from John de Portenar for a fine, 40*s.*; from Ralph de Uptone for arrears on account of armed men on the sea, £7 0*s.* 10*d.*; from money for deficiency of men sent to Orewell, £11 5*s.*; from Anketin Gisors and Robert Swote, late Wardens of the Bridge, £19; receipts of murage, £53 17*s.* 10*d.*; the bailiwick of Suthewerk, £15.

Among expenses there occur the following, viz.:—For presents sent to the Archbishop and William de la Pole on their return from abroad, *temp.* Henry Darci, £26 5*s.* 10½*d.*; for robes for the Earl of Salisbury and others and presents sent to Elizabeth de Mountagu and to the Pleaders of the Bench, £40 8*s.* 6*d.*; a present to Henry de Ferers and other expenses, £21 0*s.* 19*d.*; courtesies given by Andrew Aubry, the Mayor, to Geoffrey Lescrop and others, £34 12*s.*; for gifts to the Bishop of London on his enthronement, £37 3*s.* 4*d.*; expenses of mangonels, £24 9*s.* 7½*d.*; and payments made to William Altecar touching the ferm of the bailiwick of Suthewerk, £15.

Fo. xli b.

Custod' Walt'i fil' Joh'is de Oseneye.

Saturday after the octave of St. Michael [29 Sept.], 14 Edward III. [A.D. 1340], the guardianship of Walter, son of John de Oseneye, aged fifteen years, committed by Andrew Aubry, the Mayor, and the Aldermen to Henry Fot, skinner, together with a tenement in the parish of St. John de Walebroke. Sureties for the said Henry, viz., Adam de Bury and Simon de Pulham, skinner.

Afterwards, viz., on Friday after the Feast of St. Alphege [19 April], 21 Edward III. [A.D. 1347], came the above Walter before the Chamberlain and quitclaimed the said Henry.

Custod' Alicie filie Hug' de Mockyng.

Wednesday before the Feast of the Exaltation of H. Cross [14 Sept.], 13 Edward III. [A.D. 1339], the guardianship of Alice, daughter of Hugh de Mockyng, aged thirteen years, committed by Andrew Aubry, the Mayor, Roger de Depham, and Thomas de Maryns, the Chamberlain, to Nicholas de Bokehurst and Alice his wife, mother of Matilda, who was mother of the above Alice, together with a messuage and divers household goods, as set out. Sureties for the said Nicholas, viz., Simon Turgis and Thomas Broun, woolmongers, Richard de Lomhuth, fishmonger, and Simon de Wymondham.

Fo. xlii.

Dimissio balli'e de Suthewerk.

Wednesday after the Feast of St. Martin [11 Nov.], 14 Edward III. [A.D. 1340], the bailiwick of Suthewerk demised to Thomas le Porter by the Mayor and Aldermen; to hold for one year from Christmas next at a rent of £12. Sureties for the said Thomas, viz., John de Bredstrete, John Russel, and John atte Barnette, "bakere."

Custodia Joh'is fil' Walt'i Burdeyn.

The same day the guardianship of John, son of Walter Burdeyn, aged five years, committed by Andrew Aubry, the Mayor, Roger de Depham, and Thomas de Maryns, the Chamberlain, to Avice his mother. Sureties for the said Avice, viz., John atte Barnette, girdler, and Geoffrey Punte, mercer.

Mem^d de scaccario de m^l marcis pro lanis R' conc'.

Extract from the Great Roll of the Exchequer, reciting a writ addressed to the Treasurer and Barons of the same, anno 14 Edward III., to the effect that the citizens of London had paid the sum of 1,000 marks in lieu of wool granted to the King anno 12.[1]

Fo. xlii b.

Scriptum Nich'i le Clerk armurar' per Isabell' Godchep'.

Lease by Isabella, daughter of Ralph Godchepe and of Margery his wife, to Nicholas Clerk, armourer, of tenements in Westchepe in the parish of St. Mary le Bow, for the term of her life at an annual rent of £6 6*s.* 8*d.*, Andrew Aubry being then Mayor, Adam Lucas and Bartholomew Deumars, Sheriffs,

[1] In 1338 the Parliament gave the King half the wool of the realm. Rymer, 'Fœdera,' Vol. II. pt. ii. p. 1022.

and Simon Fraunceys, Alderman of the Ward.[1] Witnesses, Richard de Berkynge, John de Kelyngworth, Robert de Hanewode, Thomas de Cantebruge, Thomas Meel, William Grubbelane, William de Shrouesbury, John Marchant, Henry atte Rothe, and others [not named]. Dated Thursday the Feast of St. Clement [23 Nov.], 14 Edward III. [A.D. 1340]. *sol.* ij*s.* vj*a.*

Recognizance by the above Isabella of debt of £13 8*s.* 9*d.* due to the above Nicholas; the same to be liquidated by the said Nicholas subtracting an annual sum of 20*s.* from the rent due for the above tenements. Witnesses as above. Dated Sunday after the Feast of St. Andrew [30 Nov.], 14 Edward III. [A.D. 1340]. *sol.* ij*s.* vj*a.*

Letters patent reciting a writ dated at the Tower 12 May, 12 Edward III. [A.D. 1338], summoning the Mayor, Sheriffs, and Aldermen, and many other citizens to Westminster touching the safeguarding the City during the King's absence abroad, and the ordinance made by the civic authorities thereon.[2] Witness, Edward, Duke of Cornwall, &c., at "Berkhamstede," 20 Aug., 14 Edward III. [A.D. 1340]. Fo. xliii.

Writ to the Mayor, Sheriffs, and Aldermen for steps to be taken for safeguarding the City during the King's absence abroad. Witness, Edward, Duke of Cornwall, &c., at Berkhampstede, 20 Aug., 14 Edward III. [A.D. 1340].[3] Fo. xliii b.

The same writ entered a second time. Fo. xliv.

Monday after the Feast of St. Katherine [25 Nov.], 14 Edward III. [A.D. 1340], Geoffrey le Cotiller, William atte Gate, Richard de Toppesfeld, John de Laufare, Richard Baldewyne, John atte Watre, John de Gaunt, and John de Thrillowe, cutlers, sworn to safeguard everything belonging to the craft. Fo. xliv b.

Approbacio decollacionis duorum hominum in Chepa.

Writ of Privy Seal addressed to the Mayor, Aldermen, Sheriffs, and Commonalty of the City, commending them for their prompt execution of Thomas, son of John Haunsard, fishmonger, and John le Brewere, porter, for attempting to rescue certain persons arrested in a disturbance in the City between

[1] Cheap.
[2] Set out *supra*, fo. xiv b.
[3] Printed in Rymer's 'Fœdera,' Vol. II. pt. ii. p. 1132.

the Fishmongers and Skinners. Dated at Gaunt, 6 Dec., 14 Edward III. [A.D. 1340].[1]

Fo. xlv. Letters patent of indemnity for the course taken by the Mayor, Aldermen, Sheriffs, &c., to put down the late disturbance between the Skinners and the Fishmongers, and for having executed the two men above mentioned. Witness the King at the Tower, 4 June, 15 Edward III. [A.D. 1341].

Fo. xlv b. Writ of Privy Seal to the Sheriffs for proclamation to be made to the effect that all who had been aggrieved by the various officers of the Exchequer in levying of aids, &c., were to make known their grievances to the King in writing, and that the Alderman of each Ward should take steps to discover the precise sums levied and paid by each inhabitant of his Ward, and whether they tallied with the sums entered on the collectors' rolls, inasmuch as the King had been defrauded of much of his dues. Dated at the Tower of London, 1 Dec., 14 Edward III. [A.D. 1340].

Fo. xlvi. Another writ of Privy Seal to the same, for all Sheriffs, tax-collectors, and others who owed the King any money to appear at Westminster on New Year's Day to render account. Dated at the Tower, 1 Dec., 14 Edward III. [A.D. 1340].

Fo. xlvi b. Another writ of Privy Seal to the same, for all collectors, comptrollers of customs, weighers of wool, &c., to appear at Westminster on New Year's Day. Dated at the Tower, 1 Dec., 14 Edward III. [A.D. 1340].

Another writ of Privy Seal to the same, for proclamation to be made against any great one of the land or member of the King's Council quitting the country without the King's special leave. Dated at the Tower, 1 Dec., 14 Edward III. [A.D. 1340].

[1] 'Memorials,' pp. 210, 211. An account of the affray, originating, it is said, in a struggle for precedence (Herbert, 'Livery Comp.,' ii. 306), as well as of the trial of the culprits, who were beheaded near the Stone Cross in Chepe, is recorded in 'Pleas and Memoranda,' Roll A 3, membr. 16, and in 'Husting Common Pleas,' Roll 64, membr. 30. A similar letter of approval dated 18 March, 20 Edward III. [A.D. 1345–6], is recorded *infra*, fo. cxvi b.

Another writ of Privy Seal to the same, for proclamation to be made for all merchants who had exported wool not cocketed[1] to come and answer for the same. Dated at the Tower, 5 Dec., 14 Edward III. [A.D. 1340].

Writ to the Sheriffs, enjoining them to render every assistance to Robert de [*sic*] Burghcher,[2] the Chancellor, William de Kildesby,[3] Keeper of the Privy Seal, Robert "Parvynge,"[4] the Treasurer, and Robert de Sadyngtone,[5] Justices appointed to inquire into the misdoings of the King's ministers and others during the King's absence abroad. Witness the King at the Tower, 10 Dec., 14 Edward III. [A.D. 1340]. Fo. xlvii.

Writ to the same, from the above Robert Burghcher, William de Kildesby, Robert "Parvynke," and Robert de Sadyngtone, bidding them summon twenty-four of the better men of each Ward to appear before the said Justices at the Guildhall on Wednesday the eve of St. Thomas the Apostle [21 Dec.] next, to assist them in their inquiry, and to make solemn proclamation for all others who have grievances to appear at the same time and place. Witness, W[illiam] de Kildesby, at the Tower, 16 Dec., 14 Edward III. [A.D. 1340]. Fo. xlvii b.

Thereupon the Sheriffs made proclamation accordingly; but on the aforesaid Wednesday the above Commission was challenged by the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty, by the mouth of Roger de Depham, the Recorder, as also the session of the aforesaid Justices, on the ground that the Commission was contrary to the City's franchise, which allowed no Justices to sit within the liberty of the City except at the Tower when an *Iter* was being held, and at Neugate for gaol delivery, and at St. Martin le Grand for correcting errors and taking inquisi- Fo. xlviii.

[1] *Nient cokettes, i.e.*, not sealed with the King's cocket or certificate of the wool having paid the King's dues.

[2] Or Bourchier. The first layman who undertook the office of Chancellor. The date of his appointment as Chancellor is given by Haydn ('Book of Dignities,' p. 354) as the 14th Dec.

[3] Or Kyldesbury.

[4] Generally spelt Parning or Parnyng, Chief Justice of the King's Bench. Appointed Chancellor 29th Oct., 1341; *ob.* 26th Aug., 1343.

[5] Chief Baron of the Exchequer 1337, and again in 1345; Chancellor 1343.

tions. And the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty asked that the said franchise might be allowed them, as allowed beyond the memory of man. Thereupon the Justices, having heard the challenge and the arguments of the said Mayor and citizens, appointed the 16th January next, so that in the meantime they might consult the King. On which day the Justices came to the Guildhall and, by the King's orders, ceased to use their Commission, and on the 17th the King ordered a writ to the Sheriffs for holding an *Iter* at the Tower, which writ is recorded *infra*.

Securitas virtute testamenti Joh'is de Lenne facta per Simon' de Worsted.

Friday in the octave of the Purification B. M. [2 Feb.], 15 Edward III. [A.D. 1340–1], came Simon de Worstede before John de Northhalle and William de Poumfreyt, Aldermen, and Thomas de Maryns, the Chamberlain, and acknowledged the receipt of the sum of £20 in trust for Alice, daughter of John de Lenne and of Roesia his wife. Sureties for the said Simon, viz., Thomas de Worstede, mercer, and Geoffrey atte Gate, "hattere."

Afterwards, viz., on Wednesday the Feast of St. Vincent [22 Jan.], 16 Edward III. [A.D. 1342–3], came John de Parys and Roesia his wife, mother of the above Alice, and acknowledged the receipt of 66*s*. 8*d*. from the above Simon for the nurture of the said Alice.

Other receipts follow for the years 17, 19, 20, 21, and 22 Edward III.

Fo. xlviii b.

Breve pro Itinere sum'.

Writ to the Sheriffs of London to summon divers persons, according to custom, to attend before the Justices Itinerant at the Tower on Monday in the second week of Lent next ensuing. Witness the King at Westminster, 18 Jan., 14 Edward III. [A.D. 1340–1].[1]

The above writ proclaimed on Sunday the morrow of SS. Fabian and Sebastian [20 Jan.].

[1] The form of the writ is identical with the writ issued on the occasion of the famous *Iter* of 1321 and printed in 'Liber Cust.,' i. 285-7.

Return to the above writ by Adam Lucas and Bartholomew Deumars, the Sheriffs.[1]

Returnum br'is de Itinere predicto.

Be it known that Robert Parvyng and his fellow-Justices Itinerant sat at the Tower and held pleas from the 5th March, 15 Edward III. [A.D. 1340–1], until the 17th, on which day they adjourned the session of the *Iter* until the 16th April, when it was again adjourned until the morrow of the Ascension [17 May], owing to a Parliament being held at Westminster. On the last-mentioned day the *Iter* ceased through the absence of the Justices. Afterwards the King released the citizens from the *Iter*.

Fo. xlix.

Letters patent granted on the petition of the Mayor and Commonalty releasing them from the *Iter*, which was now to be considered as ended. Witness the King at the Tower, 3 June, 15 Edward III. [A.D. 1341].

Carta de perdonacione Itineris.

Pleas of the Crown before Robert Parvyng, William Scot, William Basset, Thomas de Heppescotes, Roger de Baukewell, Justices of the lord the King Itinerant at the Tower of London on Monday in the second week of Lent, 14 Edward III. [A.D. *1340*].

Andrew Aubrey, the Mayor, and Aldermen on behalf of the Commonalty claim to have their own porter-usher and serjeants at the *Iter*, as allowed before William [de Eboraco], Bishop of Salisbury, and his fellow-Justices Itinerant the morrow of St. Michael, 36 Henry III. [A.D. 1252]; also before Master Roger de Seytone and his fellow-Justices the morrow of the Purification [2 Feb.], 4 Edward I. [A.D. 1275–6]; also before Hervey de Stauntone and his fellow-Justices the morrow of Hillary [13 Jan.], 14 Edward II. [A.D. 1320–1]. The Rolls having been searched and the claim found to be substantiated,[2] it is allowed.

Thereupon the Mayor and Aldermen, on behalf of themselves and the Commonalty, appoint John Laurence, "Barber," to be porter without the gate, &c.; Nicholas de Gascoigne, usher without the door of the hall where the common pleas are held;

[1] Similar in form to return made in 1321. See 'Liber Cust.,' i. 290-1.

[2] See 'Liber Cust.,' i. 295, 297, 301-2.

William Simond, usher of the place of the Justices for the same pleas; Bartholomew de Bray, marshal in the same place; Thomas le Porter and Adam de Heyworth, cryers (*proclamatores*) of the same place; John de Risle, cryer for pleas of the Crown; and Robert Duke, usher for the same.

[Fo. 1 *blank.*]

Fo. 1 b.

Carta Joh'is Russel' zonar' per Elyam de Braughhyng.

Grant by Elyas, son of Ralph de Braughing, late girdler, to John Russel, girdler, of a tenement in the lane and parish of St. Laurence Jewry, situate near the tenements of the Minoresses of the New Abbey without Alegate and of Robert de Keleseye; to hold the same for the lifetime of the grantor, at an annual rent of 4 marks. Andrew Aubrey, Mayor, Adam Lucas and Bartholomew Deumars, Sheriffs, and Simon Fraunceys, Alderman of the Ward.[1] Witnesses, William de Elsynge, senior, Geoffrey le Tableter, Roger de Astwode, William Ayleward, and John Bokeler. Dated Monday, being Christmas Day [25 Dec.], 14 Edward III. [A.D. 1340].

Fo. 1i.

Md in scaccario de firma ville de Suthewerk.

Extracts from the City's account with the Exchequer for the fourth and twelfth years of King Edward III., touching the ferm of the vill of Suthewerk, and payments to Queen Isabella and to Thomas de Copham, the King's armourer, who died the 5th March, 6 Edward III. [A.D. 1331–2].

Br'e ad scrutand' quambibet Ward' pro latronib' propulsand'.

Writ to the Mayor, Aldermen, and Sheriffs for diligent search to be made in each Ward for misdoers and disturbers of the peace. Witness the King at Langelee, 4 April, 14 Edward III. [A.D. 1340].

Fo. 1i b.

De Rog'o fil' Will'i Oede pro lxs. *ei legat'.*

Saturday after the Feast of Invention of H. Cross [3 May], 15 Edward III. [A.D. 1341], came William Oede, "goldbetere," before Richard Costantyn, Alderman, and Thomas de Maryns, the Chamberlain, and acknowledged that he had received from William de Deveneshire, cordwainer, and Richard atte Gate, cordwainer, executors of Helewisia de Wynchestre, the sum of 60*s.* in trust for Roger his son. Sureties for the said William Oede, viz., John de Flete, "goldbetere," and Nicholas Oede, "goldbetere."

[1] Cheap.

Writ to the Sheriffs of London to make proclamation that all persons who owned 40 pounds (*libratas*) of land or rents by the year for three whole years, and had not yet become knights, should take up the order of knighthood[1] before the Feast of H. Trinity next, and make a return of delinquents into Chancery. Witness the King at Westminster, 20 April, 15 Edward III. [A.D. 1341]. *Br'e pro militib' faciend'.*

The underwritten deed and indenture were acknowledged before William de Caustone, Alderman, and Thomas de Maryns, the Chamberlain, on Tuesday after the Feast of St. Hillary [13 Jan.], 11 Edward III. [A.D. 1337–8], and it was not previously enrolled because the fee was not paid. Fo. lii.

Indenture of grant by Ralph, son of Richard de Haverynge, to Nicholas de Reygate and Alice his wife, of a brewhouse, &c., in the parish of St. Laurence Jewry, situate near the tenements of John Doxenford, vintner, Robert de Bristowe, Nicholas Reygate, and Robert de Kelseye; to hold the same during the lifetime of the grantor, at an annual rent of a rose at Midsummer for the first four years, and afterwards a rent of 7 marks, Reginald de Conduit being Mayor and Alderman of the Ward,[2] Ralph de Uptone and Walter de Mordone, Sheriffs. Witnesses, Henry Cheyner, William Aylleward, John Bokeler, Henry de Reygate, Martin de Mallynge, John de Prestone, and others [not named]. Dated Saturday after the Feast of St. Mark [25 April], 10 Edward III. [A.D. 1336]. *Carta Nich'i de Reygate per Rad'm fil' Ric'i de Haveryng'.* ij*s.* vj*d.*

Indenture of covenant that a certain bond entered into by Ralph, son of Richard de Haverynge, in favour of Nicholas de Reygate, girdler, and Alice his wife, shall be void, conditional on quiet enjoyment being allowed of the above premises. Dated Sunday after the Feast of St. Mark [25 April], 10 Edward III. A.D. 1336]. *Indentura inf' Rad'm fil' Ric'i de Haveryng' et Nich'm de Reygate.* ij*s.* vj*d.*

[1] As to writs for "distraint of knighthood," see 'Cal. Letter-Book B,' p. 56, note 2. A similar writ was issued in 1344. 'Liber Albus, i. 190-1.

[2] Cheap.

Fo. lii b.

Br'e retornatum cor' Justic' R' apud Sc'm Martinum Magnum London' de errore corrigendo.

Writ to the Mayor and Sheriffs that they assist Robert Parvyng, Roger Hillary, Thomas de Heppescotes, and John de Stonford, appointed Commissioners to hear a plaint in error at the church of St. Martin le Grand between the Abbot of Waltham and Adam le Treyere. Witness the King at Langele, 15 March, 15 Edward III. [A.D. 1340-1].

Writ of the above Justices to the same for their appearance at the church of St. Martin le Grand on Sunday before the Feast of Pentecost [27 May], and for the Sheriffs to summon the Abbot of Waltham to appear on the same day for the purpose of hearing the above plaint in error. Dated Thursday before Palm Sunday [1 April], 15 Edward III. [A.D. 1341].

Returnum.

Return to the above writ to the effect that the City of London does not allow a record and process of any plaint in the Husting of the said City to be sent or returned before the Justices appointed to sit at St. Martin le Grand for surveying and examining a record and process and for correcting any error that may be found therein; but after a respite of forty days, according to the custom of the City, for taking advice on the record and process of the plaint had between the parties within-named in the Husting of London, the Mayor and Aldermen will be prepared to record the same by word of mouth of the Recorder, as is the custom.[1]

Returnum.

We have summoned the Abbot of Waltham to appear before you on the day and at the place named in the writ, by John Lovekyn and Alexander the Gauger.

[1] A writ of error from the Sheriffs' court, and, in certain cases, from the Coroner's court, was returnable in the Husting for Common Pleas, whilst a writ of error from the Court of Husting was returnable before certain Commissioners specially appointed to sit at the church of St. Martin le Grand—a liberty belonging to the Dean and Chapter of Westminster, possessing in early times a Court of Record distinct from the City of London. See charter dated 6 March, 1 Edward III. [A.D. 1326-7]. 'Liber Albus,' i. 187; Pulling, 'Laws and Customs, &c., of the City and Port of London' (ed. 1842), p. 173, note.

Fo. liii.

Scriptum Laur' de Halywell per Joh'em de Stebbenhethe.

Grant by John, son of John de Stebenhethe, to Laurence de Halywell, pepperer, of a portion of a shop formerly belonging to Simon, son of Simon Godard, which came by descent to the grantor and Thomas Bonde, his kinsman, after the death of the said Simon, and is situate in Sopereslane, in the parish of St. Antonin; to hold the same for a term of five years, Andrew Aubry being then Mayor, Adam Lucas and Bartholomew Deumars, Sheriffs, and John de Grantham, Alderman of the Ward.[1] Witnesses, Simon de Bronnesford, Thomas Corpe, Roger Carpenter, Nicholas Corpe, Roger Osekyn, Reymund de Burdeux, Richard de Totyngtone, John de Luda, clerk, and others [not named]. Dated Sunday the Feast of Nativ. St. John Bapt. [24 June], 15 Edward III. [A.D. 1341].

sol. ij*s.* vj*d.*

L'ra Ducis Bavar' qui se dicit Imperatorem missa d'no Regi Angl'.

Letter from Louis, Emperor of the Romans,[2] to King Edward III. of England, breaking off the alliance between them whilst offering his services to effect a peace between England and France. Dated "Franchenford,"[3] 24 June, the twenty-fourth year of his reign and the fourteenth of his being Emperor.[4]

Responsio l're predicte.

Reply to the above, declining the Emperor's offer. Dated at Westminster, 12 July, 15 Edward III. [A.D. 1341].[5]

Fo. liii b.

Manuc' Joh'is de Lincoln' cordewaner v' Ad' Lucas vic'.

Friday after the Feast of St. James, Ap. [25 July], 15 Edward III. [A.D. 1341], came William de Okham, cordwainer, Geoffrey de Rokyngham, cordwainer, Robert de Northamptone, cordwainer, Walter de Braylesham, called "le Cok," William Spirk, cordwainer, residing on (*super*) Lothebery, and John de Pomfreyt, cordwainer, residing in Wodestrete, before Andrew Aubry, the Mayor, Roger de Depham, the Recorder, and Thomas de Maryns, the Chamberlain, and mainprised John de

[1] Cordwainer Street.

[2] Louis IV. of Bavaria, Emperor of Germany.

[3] Frankfort.

[4] Printed in Rymer's 'Fœdera' (vol. ii. pt. ii. p. 1166), where the date is given as the 25th June, the twenty-sixth year of his reign, and the fourteenth year of his reign as Emperor. Cf. Walsingham, 'Hist. Anglicana' (Rolls Series, No. 28), i. 247-8, where his regnal year as Emperor is given as the seventeenth.

[5] Printed in Rymer's 'Fœdera' (vol. ii. pt. ii. p. 1167), where the date is given as the 14th July. The copy of the letter recorded in the Letter-Book comprises the paragraph *volentes vestre patere noticie.....prosecuti* omitted by some authorities. Cf. Walsingham (*op. cit.*), i. 248-50.

Lincoln, "cordewaner," lately committed to Neugate for 100*s.*, the amount of damages adjudged to be paid by him to Peter de Jernemuthe, "cordewaner," for a trespass, to have the said John at the next Husting for Common Pleas on a writ of error, &c., and to indemnify Adam Lucas, one of the Sheriffs.

Fo. liv.

Eleccio Thome de Bedewelle in Servientem Camere.

Monday after the Feast of St. Peter ad Vincula [1 Aug.], 15 Edward III. [A.D. 1341], Thomas de Bedewelle admitted and sworn Serjeant of the Chamber of the Guildhall before Andrew Aubrey, the Mayor, the Aldermen, and Commonalty, receiving an annual fee of 40*s.* *quam diu*, &c.

Murag' de Chepe dimissum.

Wednesday after the Feast of St. Martin [11 Nov.], 15 Edward III. [A.D. 1341], the murage of Chepe demised to Ralph de Braughynnge and Roger de Donmowe by John de Oxonia, the Mayor, and the Aldermen for one year, at a weekly rent of 16*s.* Sureties for the said Ralph, viz., John Kyng, armourer, Hugh atte Banke, "bocher," Richard Poyntel, brewer, and Richard de Storteford, "bocher."

Muragium de Smethefeld dimissum.

Thursday after the Feast of All Saints [1 Nov.], the murage of Smethefeld granted to Thomas le Porter by John de Oxon', the Mayor, and the Aldermen for one year, at a monthly rent of 13*s.* 4*d.* Sureties for the said Thomas, viz., John de Berkynge, "latoner," William atte Halle, brewer, John Baltrip', "cordewaner," and Thomas atte Shoppe, girdler.

Wednesday after the Feast of St. Andrew [30 Nov.], 15 Edward III. [A.D. 1341], the murage of Billyngesgate granted by the same to John de Writel, "fruter," at a rent of £25, paid quarterly. Sureties, viz., Richard de Rothinge, vintner, and Adam Brabazon, fishmonger.

Custodia Joh'ne filie Joh'is de Wycombe.

The same day the guardianship of Johanna, daughter of John de Wycombe, aged three and a half years, committed by John de Oxon', the Mayor, the Aldermen, and Thomas de Maryns, the Chamberlain, to John Lambyn, fishmonger. Sureties, viz., John de Croydone, fishmonger, and Geoffrey Aleyn, fishmonger.

Fo. liv b.

Writ of *fi. fa.* to the Sheriffs for 110 marks due from the citizens of London to Philippa, the King's Consort, by way of

Queen's gold (*aurum regine*),[1] on the fine of 1,100 marks for a fifteenth granted by Parliament in the ninth year of the King's reign;[2] the same to be paid on the morrow of St. Nicholas [6 Dec.] to John de Estone, the Queen's receiver. Witness R[obert] de Sadyngtone at Westminster, 14 Nov., 15 Edward III. [A.D. 1341].

De fieri fac' ex marc' de civibus Lon-don'.

Lease by William atte Welle, "chaundeler," to William de Gloucestre, "bowyere," of a certain annual rent issuing from a tenement held by William de Staneford for life, and situate in Thamisestrete in the parish of St. Laurence de Candelwykestrete; to hold the same for a term of five years from Michaelmas, 15 Edward III. [A.D. 1341]. Dated the day and year above written.

Fo. lv.

Scriptum Will'i de Glou-cestr' Bowiere.

Power of attorney from the above William atte Welle and Johanna his wife to the above William de Gloucestre to receive the above rent. Dated Thursday the Feast of St. Lucia [13 Dec.], the year aforesaid.

sol. ij*s.* vj*d.*

Lease by the Prior and Convent of Christ Church, Canterbury, to John de Shirbourne, vintner, of a portion of their new stone house in Chepe formerly held by Agnes de Hameldene; to hold the same for a term of ten years at an annual rent of £13 13*s.* 4*d.* Dated at Canterbury, Saturday the Feast of St. Michael [29 Sept.], 15 Edward III. [A.D. 1341].

Fo. lv b.

Script' Joh'is de Shirbourne vinetar' per Prior' et Con-vent' eccl'ie Christi Can-tuar'.

sol. ij*s.* vj*d.*

Acknowledged before John de Oxonia, the Mayor, and Thomas de Maryns, the Chamberlain, on the eve of Christmas, the year aforesaid.

Monday the morrow of St. Hillary [13 Jan.], 15 Edward III. [A.D. 1341-2], John de Bromholme and Richard Frere, "tapicers," and other good men of the same mistery brought before John de Oxon', the Mayor, the Sheriffs, and Aldermen ten false blankets (*chalones*) remade (*reparatos*) in foreign parts with hair of oxen and cows, and imported thence by Robert de Boys to the City for sale. The said blankets, being seen and found by men of the said mistery to be false, were ordered to be burnt

De chalonib' combust'.

[1] See 'Cal. Letter-Book D,' p. 246n.

[2] Sat at York from the 26th May to the 3rd June. Cf. *infra*, p. 68.

beneath the pillory on Cornhull, and they were so burnt on the same day.[1]

Fo. lvi.

Breve pro auro Regine.

Writ to the Sheriffs to summon the Mayor, Aldermen, citizens, and good men of the City to appear before the Barons of the Exchequer on the morrow of the Purification [2 Feb.], to show cause why they had not paid the sum of 110 marks due to Philippa, the King's Consort, by way of Queen's gold. Witness William de Stowe at Westminster, 16 Jan., 15 Edward III. [A.D. 1341–2].

Breve pro quinta decima levanda.

Writ to the Mayor, Aldermen, citizens, and good men of the City reciting that whereas the Earls, Barons, Knights, freemen, and commonalties of the kingdom had in the last Parliament at Westminster granted a fifteenth of their movable goods, and the citizens and burgesses of cities and boroughs a tenth of their movables, in aid of the war; and whereas by reason of a former charter granted to the citizens of London, to the effect that in aids and contributions to the King they should be taxed with the Commonalty of the realm, like men of the counties, and not as men of cities and boroughs;[2] and whereas the King had appointed William Trussel and Thomas de Blastone to be assessors of the fifteenth in the City, or to make composition for the same, and the said fifteenth had been compounded for a sum of 1,100 marks, the King signifies his readiness to accept that sum, albeit inadequate, and directs that it be paid to Master Paul de Montefiore (*de Monte Florum*), his clerk, without delay. Dated at Aukelond, 8 Dec. [9 Edward III., A.D. 1335].

Br'e ad exon'-and' de predictis clx marcis.

Writ to the Treasurer and Barons of the Exchequer to the effect that the Mayor and Commonalty of the City of London had complained that whereas they had paid the King 1,100 marks in respect of the fifteenth granted by the Commons of the realm in the eighth year of the King's reign,[3] and had afterwards granted a sum of 500 marks, out of pure good will, towards the

[1] 'Memorials,' p. 212.

[2] See charter dated 6 March, 1 Edward III.

[3] In the Parliament which sat at Westminster from the 19th to the 28th Sept., 1334. The City held an acquittance for this sum from Master Paul de Montefiore, as appears in 'Cal. Letter-Book E,' p. 300.

expense of hoblers,[1] they (the Treasurer and Barons) pretended that the Mayor and Commonalty had by these payments made fine for the said fifteenth and hoblers, which they had not done, and had demanded from them 110 marks in respect of the fifteenth and 50 marks for the hoblers to the Queen's use as her gold. This being unjust, they are enjoined to cease from troubling the citizens in this respect. Dated at the vill of St. John, 1 July, 10 Edward III. [A.D. 1336].

Fo. lvi b.

Breve pro auro Regine reddendo.

Writ of Edward II. to the same that they cease troubling the citizens in respect of a claim by Margaret, wife of King Edward I., to the sum of £200 as Queen's gold in respect of a composition of £2,000 made by the City for the twentieth of their goods granted to the said King Edward I. by the commons of cities and boroughs;[2] which sum of £200 the Treasurer and Barons of the Exchequer demanded on the ground that the citizens had paid the aforesaid sum of £2,000 by way of fine, which they had not done. Witness the King at Westminster, 22 Oct., 11 Edward II. [A.D. 1317].

Pursuant to the above writ, precept was issued to the Sheriffs to summon the Mayor, Aldermen, and citizens to appear before the Barons in the quinzaine of St. Hillary [13 Jan.], to show cause why they should not pay the above sum of £200 on account of a fine of £2,000 paid for a pardon of the twentieth, as appears by the Exchequer Rolls for the thirty-fifth year of King Edward I., which sum of £200 had not been paid, as was testified by Thomas, Earl of Norfolk, Marshal of England, Gilbert de Wygetone, Adam de Eglesfeld, and John de Courtenay, executors of the aforesaid Queen.

The Mayor, Aldermen, and citizens, being duly summoned by John de Ponte and Roger le Barber, appeared on the day appointed, and declared, in their defence, that in times past, in

[1] At a Parliament held at York, 26 May to 3 June, 1335, a grant of hoblers and archers was made by the counties, which was redeemed by money payments. Stubbs, 'Const. Hist.,' ii. 377n.

[2] "In 1306, on the occasion of the knighting of the Prince of Wales, an aid was granted in Parliament, the barons and knights voting a thirtieth, the cities and boroughs a twentieth." *Ibid.*, ii. 156.

a matter where the citizens of their own liberality and good will granted the King a sum of money, they had never been accustomed to pay Queen's gold thereon, but only where they made a fine to the King, and they demanded judgment. Thereupon the Red Book of the Exchequer being searched, it was found that those who bound themselves in a sum of money to the King were similarly bound to the Queen, although not expressly stated, viz., in 1 mark of gold for 100 marks of silver. Also the Rolls and Memoranda of the Exchequer being searched, it was found that the aforesaid Queen and all other Queens had hitherto received their gold on all grants as well as fines whatsoever. Thereupon the Mayor, Aldermen, and citizens could say no more, and precept was issued for levying the money.

Fo. lvii.

Script' Joh'is fil' Henr' Wymond' per eundem Henr'.

sol' pro feod' ij*s.* vj*d.*

Grant by Henry Wymond to John his son of all his goods and chattels in the town of Feversham and at "labealassise" in the parish of Sellyng, co. Kent. Dated Wednesday after the Feast of St. Michael [29 Sept.], 15 Edward III. [1341].

Acknowledged before Richard de Berkyng and Thomas de Maryns, the Chamberlain, Thursday, the 7th March, 16 Edward III. [A.D. 1341-2].

Br'e sicut al' pro auro d'ne Ph'e Regine.

Writ *alias* to the Sheriffs that they summon the Mayor, Aldermen, citizens, and good men of the City to appear before the Barons of the Exchequer on the morrow of *Clausum Pasche*,[1] to show cause why they had not paid the sum of 110 marks by way of Queen's gold to Queen Philippa, according to their promise as appears by the Exchequer Rolls. Witness R[obert] de Sadyngtone at Westminster, 7 Feb., 16 Edward III. [A.D. 1341-2].

Scriptum Thome West et ux'is ejus per Will'm Dode.

sol' pro feodo ij*s.* vj*d.*

Lease by William Dode, cordwainer, to Thomas West, girdler, and Matilda his wife, of a certain tenement with garden, &c., which the lessor inherited from Matilda his sister, daughter of John Dode, situate in the parish of St. Michael de Bassieshawe, near the tenement of John Huntecook, and extending up to the garden of the Guildhall towards the west. To hold the same for a term of ten years at an annual rent of 6*s*. Witnesses,

[1] The Sunday after Easter, otherwise known as Low Sunday.

John de Dallynge, Nicholas de Caustone, John de Writele, William de Tudenham, Roger Stokfisshe, Thomas Rose, clerk, and others [not named]. Dated Wednesday after the Feast of St. Valentine [14 Feb.], 16 Edward III. [A.D. 1341–2].

In the Husting held for Common Pleas on Monday after the Feast of St. Matthias, Ap. [24 Feb.], 16 Edward III. [A.D. 1341-1342], good men of the Ward of Colmanstrete elected William de Thorneye, pepperer, to be Alderman of the Ward in place of Ralph de Uptone, draper, deceased, &c. And the said William was sworn, &c. Fo. lvii b.

Eleccio Alderm' de Colmanstrete.

Indenture of covenant by William Box, merchant, that a grant made to him by Geoffrey de Westone, draper, and Margaret his wife, of an annual rent of £4 charged on their tenements in Bredstrete in the parish of All Hallows shall be void on payment of a sum of £20 at Michaelmas, A.D. 1043.[1] Dated Saturday the morrow of the Nativity B. M. [8 Sept.], 14 Edward III., A.D. 1340. Witnesses, Richard de Welleford, John de Tiffeld, William le Botiller, John Turk, John de Greylond, and others [not named]. *Indentura int' Galfr' de Westone et ux'm ejus et Will'm Box.*

sol' ij*s.* vj*d.*

Acknowledged before William de Thorneye, Alderman, and Thomas de Maryns, the Chamberlain, on Monday the eve of St. Gregory [12 March], 16 Edward III. [A.D. 1341–2].

Afterwards, viz, on Wednesday after the Feast of St. Gregory [12 March], 16 Edward III. [A.D. 1341–2], came William Box before Roger Depham, Alderman, and Thomas de Maryns, the Chamberlain, and acknowledged he had received the above sum of £20, and the indenture was cancelled and delivered to an attorney of Master Michael de Northburg, clerk.

Writ to the Treasurer and Barons of the Exchequer that they Fo. lviii.

[1] *Anno domini millesimo quadragesimo tercio.* A mistake for 1343, the word *trescentesimo* being omitted. A similar mistake occurs in the date of the deed, where the year of our Lord ascribed to the fourteenth year of the reign of Edward III. is given as *millesimo xl°*.

Br'e de allocacione habenda de £x annuis solut' Will'o Altekar de firma ballive de Suthewerk.

allow to the Mayor and citizens the sum of £10 paid by them, at the King's order, to William de Altekar, valet of the King's Wardrobe, being the rent paid by the citizens for the vill of Suthwerk from the 17th June, 9 Edward III. [A.D. 1335], up to Easter last. Dated at Staunford, 26 Nov. [A.D. 1341].

Consimile breve de alloc' habend' cor' Baron' de scaccario.

Writ to the same that they allow for the sum of 100*s*. paid by the citizens to the above William de Altekar, by the King's order, out of the ferm due for Suthwerk. Witness the King at Staunford, 26 Nov. [A.D. 1341].

Item br'e de allocac' habenda cor' Baron' de scaccario pro firma de Suthwerk.

Writ to the same that they allow for the sum of £10 similarly paid by the King's order to Richard Calewar by the citizens for one year from Easter, anno 8 Edward III. [A.D. 1334]. Witness the King at Staunford, 26 Nov. [A.D. 1341].

Comp' reddit' in scaccario de firma ball' de Suthwerk.

Particulars of account rendered by the citizens in the Exchequer for the ferm of the bailiwick of Suthwerk, extracted from the Great Roll for the fifteenth year of King Edward III.

Fo. lviii b.

Another copy of writ[1] to the Treasurer and Barons of the Exchequer touching an excess of ferm paid by the citizens for the bailiwick of Suthwerk. Witness Edward, Duke of Cornwall, &c., 5 Aug., 13 Edward III. [A.D. 1339].

Fo. lix.

Allocacio facta fratribus Hospital' Sancti Joh'is Jerl'm.

Writ to the Mayor and Sheriffs forbidding them to demand murage of the Prior and Brethren of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem, contrary to their charters and the statutes passed in the last reign.[2] Witness the King at Westminster, 5 March, 16 Edward III. [A.D. 1341–2].

Fo. lix b.

Scriptum Will'i de Mussendene per Magr'm Hospital' Sc'i Jacobi.

Grant by Brother Henry de Purlee, Master of the Hospital of St. James de Cherryngge, near Westminster,[3] and brethren and sisters of the same, to William de Mussendene of an annual pension of 100*s*. issuing from certain tenements belonging to Dame Isabella Godchepe, and lately to Richard de Brusyngham, at the corner of Bredstrete; to hold the said pension during the

[1] *Vide supra*, pp. 37-8.

[2] Cf. 'Cal. Letter-Book E,' pp. 239, 255.

[3] A hospital for lepers, founded, writes Stow ('Survey,' Thoms's ed., p. 168), "by the citizens of London before the time of any man's memory. It stood on the site of the present St. James's Palace, where bones of some of its former inmates have recently been unearthed."

lives of Sir Simon de "Heleghe," chaplain, and Juliana Blundel, in place of the daily corrody[1] furnished by the grantors to the said Simon and Juliana. Dated Saturday before Easter [31 March], A.D. 1342. *sol.* ij*s.* vj*d.*

Writ to the Mayor and Sheriffs that they cause two of the best seamen of the City to attend a Council[2] to be held at Westminster on Monday after the Feast of St. Mark [25 April], to consult with other seamen for the safety of the Kingdom. Witness the King at Westminster, 15 April, 16 Edward III. [A.D. 1342]. Fo. lx. *Br'e pro marinar' habend' cor' consilio R'.*

Writ to the same bidding them supply John de Monte Gomeri, appointed Admiral of the fleet from the mouth of the Thames westward, with victuals and archers. Witness the King at Westminster, 15 April, 16 Edward III. [A.D. 1342]. *Br'e quod Maior et vic' sint intendentes Admirallo et auxil' etc.*

Deed of surrender by William de Mussendene to Sir Simon de "Hylegh," chaplain, and Juliana Bloundel of the annual quitrent of 100*s.* granted to him by the Master, &c., of the Hospital of St. James de Cherryngge, near Westminster, in respect of a daily corrody furnished by the said hospital to the said Simon and Juliana, to hold the said quitrent to the said Simon and Juliana for their lives. John de Oxenford, Mayor, Richard de Berkyngge, [and] John de la Rokele, Sheriffs, Andrew Aubrey, Alderman of the Ward.[3] Witnesses, Peter Fyvyan, Thomas de Oxenford, William de Wallyngford, skinner, Walter de Billyngham, Thomas de Merewode, clerk, and others [not named]. Dated Saturday after the Feast of St. Ambrose [4 April], 16 Edward III. [A.D. 1342]. *Script' d'ni Simonis de Hylegh capell'i et Juliane Bloundel per Will'm de Mussendene.* ij*s.* vj*d.*

Acknowledged before William de Thorneye, Alderman, and Thomas de Maryns, the Chamberlain, Tuesday the eve of SS. Philip and James [1 May], 16 Edward III. [A.D. 1342].

Appointment by Robert, son of Michael Tulsan, of Walter le Bret as guardian of Johanna his (Robert's) daughter and of her tenements in the parish of St. Mary de Wolcherchehawe until she come of age. Dated 10 May, 16 Edward III. [A.D. 1342]. Fo. lx b. *Scriptum Walt'i le Bret per Robertum Tulsan.*

[1] An allowance in money or victuals.

[2] No Parliament sat between May, 1341, and April, 1343. The writ is printed in Rymer's 'Fœdera,' vol. ii. pt. ii. p. 1193.

[3] Bread Street.

ij*s.* vj*d.*

The above deed acknowledged before William de Poumfreyt, Alderman, and Thomas de Maryns, the Chamberlain, Saturday after the Feast of St. John ante portam Latinam [6 May], 16 Edward III. [A.D. 1342].

Custodia Ric'i fil' Joh'is Dykeman.

Monday before the Feast of SS. Philip and James [1 May], 16 Edward III. [A.D. 1342], the guardianship of Richard, son of John Dykeman, aged eight years, together with an annual quit-rent issuing from a tenement held by William de Elsyngge, mercer, within Crepelgate in the parish of St. Alphege, committed by the Mayor, Aldermen, and Chamberlain to Philip Dykeman. Surety for the said Philip, viz., William de Pertenhale.

Br'e pro auro Regine.

Another writ to the Sheriffs to summon the Mayor, Aldermen, and good men of the City to appear before the Barons of the Exchequer fifteen days after the day of St. John the Baptist to show cause why they had not paid the sum of 110 marks long since due to Queen Philippa, as Queen's gold, on account of the sum of 1,100 marks agreed to be paid in lieu of a fifteenth granted by Parliament in the eighth year of the King's reign. Witness R[obert] de Sadyngtone at Westminster, 25 June, 16 Edward III. [A.D. 1342].

Agreed by the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty that return should be made to the above writ to the effect that it came too late, &c. (*adeo tarde etc.*), and that Richard de Berkynge and John de la Rokele, the Sheriffs, be indemnified for making such a return.

De obitu Joh'is de Oxon' Maioris et electione Simonis Fraunceys in Maiorem.

Be it remembered that on Tuesday the morrow of St. Botolph [17 June], to wit, a little after mid-prime[1] (*mediam primam*), John de Oxenford, the Mayor, died, and immediately on the same day, before the ninth hour (*horam nonam*),[2] Simon Fraunceys was elected Mayor by the Aldermen and a great multitude of commoners then assembled in the Guildhall, and on the morrow he was presented and sworn before the Barons of the Exchequer at Westminster.

[1] The canonical hour of Prime being 6 to 7 A.M., the Mayor, as here recorded, would have died about 6.30 A.M. Cf. another account of his decease recorded *infra*, p. 77.

[2] Meaning, probably, 3 P.M., as in Roman times, although the term *hora nona* came to be applied afterwards to midday (Skeat, 'Etymol. Dict.,' *s.v.* 'Noon').

Fo. lxi.

Securitas facta Joh'i de Welleford et sorori sue per Joh'em Olyver etc.

Be it remembered that on Friday after the Feast of St. Botolph [17 June], 16 Edward III. [A.D. 1342], came John Olyver, "stokfisshmongere," before Simon Fraunceys, the Mayor, and the Aldermen, and sought permission to enter on a certain tenement lately acquired by him; which tenement John, son of Richard de Welleford, and his sister [Christian name omitted] obtained by an extent from Robert de Bray, tenant of lands and tenements belonging to William de Bray, a mainpernor of Agnes de Welleford, mother and guardian of the aforesaid John and his sister, and the said John Olyver covenanted to render account when desired by the Mayor and Aldermen. Surety for the said John Olyver, viz., Walter de Mordone.

Script' pontis London' per Nich'm de Gloucestre.

Quitclaim by Nicholas de Gloucestre, son of Katherine de St. Alban, lord of the manor of Southall Marreys,[1] to John Lovekyn and Alan Gille, Wardens of London Bridge, of an annual rent of 10*s*. charged on a tenement in Fridaystrete, which Richard de Gloucestre devised for the maintenance of the said Bridge.[2] Witnesses, John de Mockynge, Alderman of Bridge, Walter de Mordone, Adam Lucas, Ralph de Lenne, John de Croydone, Robert Swote, John Syward, John de Eynesham, John de Tiffeld, Nicholas de Harewedone, clerk, and others [not named]. Dated Friday the eve of SS. Peter and Paul [29 June], 16 Edward III. [A.D. 1342].

Fo. lxi b.

Script' Nigelli de Hakeneye et Ric'i patris sui per Joh' Portenayre etc.

Quitclaim by John de Portenaire, a Lombard, and John Antilla, a Lombard, merchants of Florence, to "Neal," son of Richard de Hakeneye, tenant in fee of the Manor of Bedeman-

[1] Identical with the manor of Woolwich. Gilbert de Marisco, according to Hasted ('Hist. of Kent,' i. 43), held it about the beginning of the reign of Edward I., and assumed the name *De Marisco* from the estate which he enjoyed in the marshes. The manor afterwards passed into the hands of the famous John de Pulteneye, who died in 1349. How and when it came into the possession of Nicholas de Gloucester, a son of Katherine, daughter of Geoffrey de St. Alban, with whom (*sc.* Katherine) Richard de Gloucester appears to have formed a *liaison*, and to whom as well as to John, another of her sons, he left a large property in the City, is not clear. See the will of Richard de Gloucester, dated 24 Nov., 1328, 'Cal. of Wills, Court of Husting,' i. 342.

[2] The rent-charge was bequeathed for the specific purpose of maintaining the Thames embankment within the manor.

gore,[1] co. Kent, and to the said Richard de Hakeneye, tenant of the same for a term of years, of all right of action, &c., they may have under a statute merchant in the sum of £546 made by William de Cheyne, Knt., a former tenant of the said manor.[2] Witnesses, John de Caustone, William Haunsard, Richard de Lambhethe, Henry Wymond, William Box, John Youn, Aleyn Gibbe, Robert de Hakeneye, Cambyn Fulbert, John de Tolouse, Robert de Stoktone, Robert Pykeman the elder, and others [not named]. Dated at London, 3 April, 16 Edward III. [A.D. 1342].

Nil quia Ald'.

Quietaclamacio Joh'is de Portenaire.

A general release granted by the above Richard de Hakeneye to the above John de Portenaire and John Antilla. Witnesses as above. Dated at London, 20 June, 16 Edward III. [A.D. 1342].

Fo. lxii.

Extent' facte [sic]*de redditib' Alicie fil' Joh'is de la Marche.*

Extent made before Simon Fraunceys, Mayor, Roger de Depham, Alderman, and Thomas de Maryns, the Chamberlain, Wednesday after the Feast of St. Laurence [10 Aug.], 16 Edward III. [A.D. 1342], of the tenements and rents which descended to Alice, daughter of John de la Marche, on the death of her father, who held the same by the courtesy of England (*per curialitatem Anglie*), on the oath of Richard de Welleford, John le Mareschal, Hugh Trappe, Robert Aspal, John atte Gate, Roger le Wyse, John Deveneys, Adam de Bernham, Nicholas de Sandewyche, John de Coventre, John de Briggewater, and Gilbert Payn.

A second extent made before the same Friday before the Feast of St. Alphege [19 April], 17 Edward III. [A.D. 1343], of the property which came to the said Alice on the decease of Isabella Paas, her grandmother, on the oath of Richard le Mirourer, Walter de Bamptone, John atte Gate, William de Chelreye, Nicholas de Sandewyche, John le Mareschal, Peter de Kyngestone, John de Coventre, John de Sellynge, Peter de Bernham, Hereman le Settere, and Thomas de Pageham. The jury find (*inter alia*) that a certain brewery in the parish of St. Mary de Aldermariecherche descended to the aforesaid Alice, daughter of John de la Marche, and to Alice, wife of

[1] Badmangore, near Linsted, co. Kent.

[2] Son of Sir Alexander de Cheney, of Patricksborne, co. Kent; died possessed of the manor, anno 8 Edward III. Hasted's 'Kent,' ii. 686.

Adam de Westone, "Harpour," after the decease of the aforesaid Isabella Paas.

De obitu Joh'is de Oxonia Maioris et electione Simonis Fraunceys in Maiorem.

Be it remembered that on Tuesday the morrow of St. Botolph [17 June], 16 Edward III. [A.D. 1342], John de Oxonia, the Mayor of London, died at the hour of the parish mass (*hora misse parochialis*), and his decease having been announced to Roger de Depham, Alderman and Recorder, the said Roger, on behalf of the lord the King and the Commonalty, commanded Richard de Berkynge and John de la Rokele, the Sheriffs, to forthwith summon, by their serjeants, all the Aldermen and the better and wealthier of the Commoners then in the City to be present at the Guildhall the same day at the third hour[1] at the latest (*eodem die hora tercia ad ultimum*), to elect a Mayor in the place of the said John, the Mayor, deceased. And the same day the said Aldermen and Commoners unanimously elected Simon Fraunceys, Alderman, to be Mayor, who, according to custom, was immediately sworn, and the next day they presented him as their Mayor-elect, according to custom, to the Treasurer and Barons of the Exchequer at Westminster, by whom he was honourably and without any gainsaying admitted and sworn.

Fo. lxii b.

Br'e pro visu habendo ubi vina extrahuntur in Tabernis.

Writ to the Mayor and Sheriffs for proclamation to be made against vintners and taverners mixing bad wine with good, and for allowing customers to see whence their wine is drawn.[2] Witness the King at the Tower, 13 July, 16 Edward III. [A.D. 1342].

De sessione Justic' apud Sc'm Martinum magnum ad inquirend' de lanis non custumat' quod non cedat in prejudicium libert' civit' etc.

Letters patent declaring that a session to be held in the City by Robert Parvynge, William Scot, William Cusance, Master John de Thoresby, Simon Fraunceys, the Mayor, and Roger de Depham, appointed by the King to examine indictments during the Mayoralty of John de Oxenford touching wool not cocketed (*non cokkettatis*) and exported, shall not be to the pre-

[1] Meaning probably 3 P.M. Cf. *supra*, p. 74n.; 'Memorials,' pp. 212, 213.

[2] See 'Memorials,' p. 213. Cf. 'Pleas and Memoranda,' Roll A 4, membr. 5. Ordinances to similar effect were frequently made. See 'Memorials,' p. 82; 'Liber Cust.,' i. 425; Letter-Book G, fo. ii b.

judice of the City's franchise. Witness the King at Wyndesore, 15 July, 16 Edward III. [A.D. 1342].

Br'e de auro Regine sicut al'.

Writ *alias* to the Sheriffs to summon the Mayor, Aldermen, and good men of the City to appear before the Barons of the Exchequer at Westminster on the morrow of St. Michael [29 Sept.] to show cause why they have not paid the sum of 110 marks due for Queen's gold. Witness Robert de Sadyngtone at Westminster, 15 July, 16 Edward III. [A.D. 1342].

Fo. lxiii.

Br'e quod Maior et communitas sint cor' Justic' de Banco ad r' exec' test'i Rob'ti de Bardelby de £xxx etc.

Writ to the Sheriffs for precept to issue to the Mayor and Commonalty for the delivery to William Scot and Robert de "Elmestede," executors of Robert de Bardelby, clerk, of the sum of £30 unjustly detained, as alleged; otherwise they are to appear at Westminster fifteen days after Michaelmas to show cause, &c. Sureties for the prosecution, viz., William Leaute de Lokyngtone and Theobald Poleyn of co. Essex. Witness the King at the Tower, 12 Aug., 16 Edward III. [A.D. 1342].

Ordinacio Maioris et Alderm' ac vinetar' pro visu habendo ubi vina extrahuntur.

In a congregation of Mayor, Aldermen, and great Commonalty held on Thursday the Feast of St. Peter ad Vincula [1 Aug.], 16 Edward III. [A.D. 1342], when there were present Simon Fraunceys, the Mayor, John de Grantham, Henry Darci, Andrew Aubrey, Roger de Depham, Richard Lacer, Walter Turk, William de Caustone, John Hamond, William de Thorneye, John de Ayllesham, and Richard de Berkynge and John de la Rokele, the Sheriffs, it was ordained that no taverner should mix bad wine with good, or forbid any one of a company drinking in his house from going into the cellar and inspecting the casks and drinking vessels, &c. The following vintners were present and gave their assent, viz., Thomas Gisors, Nicholas Ponge, John Hablond, John Blaunche, John Fynche, John Chaucer,[1] "Blakecolle,"[2] Robert de Hanwode, Henry Fannere, John de Stodeye, Walter atte Goot, John de Coggeshale, John Fychet, John Beauflour, and John de Cliftone.

[1] Father of the poet, and perhaps the same John Chaucer who was deputy to the King's Butler in the Port of Southampton in 1348 and Collector of Customs in that and other ports. See 'Life Records of Chaucer,' part iv. p. xi.

[2] Probably identical with Nicholas called "Blakecoll," a vintner, recorded *supra*, p. 53.

De pueris Alex'i de Knopwede viz. de bonis eisdem legat'.

Be it remembered that on Friday after the Feast of the Nativity B. M. [8 Sept.], 16 Edward III. [A.D. 1342], came William de Chesham, "dieghere," before John de Aylesham, Alderman, and Thomas de Maryns, the Chamberlain, and received from Roisia, late wife and executrix of John de Knopwed, mercer, the sum of 15 marks bequeathed to William, Johanna, and Cristina, children of Alexander de Knopwed, late brother of the said John;[1] to hold the same in trust for the said children. Sureties for the said William, viz., Walter de Mordone and Bartholomew Deumars.

Fo. lxiii b.

Scriptum d'ni Will'i de Wythes vicar' eccl'ie S'i Laur' in Judaismo per magr'm et scolar dom' de Baliolhalle.

Lease by the Master and Scholars of Balliolhalle, Oxford, Rectors of the church of St. Laurence Jewry, to Sir William de Wythes, perpetual vicar of the same, of one-fourth part of a certain tenement and garden which the said Master and Scholars hold in the parish of St. Laurence aforesaid, the property being situate near the Guildhall towards the east and extending from the churchyard from south to north; to hold the said property to the said William for a term of forty years at an annual rent of 20*s*. The said Master and Scholars further grant that if the said Sir William die before the expiration of the term the garden shall remain to Richard de Notingham for the unexpired term. Witnesses, Thomas de Worstede, Geoffrey Tableter, William Aylward, Roger Madour, John de Gildeford, William de Shrouesbury, and others [not named]. Dated at Oxford, the Feast of the Exaltation of H. Cross [14 Sept.], 16 Edward III. [A.D. 1342].

sol' ij*s*. vj*d*.

Scriptum Ric'i de Notingham per eosdem.

Another lease from the same to Richard de Notingham, mercer, of three-fourths of the above tenement and garden situate near the tenement of Richard Lacer towards the west; to hold the same for a like term at an annual rent of 60*s*., together with the reversion of the remainder of the same garden after the decease of Sir William de Wythes, perpetual vicar of the church of St. Laurence Jewry. Witnesses and date as above.

sol' ij*s*. vj*d*.

[1] See the will of John de Knopwed, proved and enrolled in the Court of Husting in July, 1341. 'Cal. of Wills,' i. 448.

Be it remembered that on Tuesday after the Feast of the Exaltation of H. Cross [14 Sept.], 16 Edward III. [A.D. 1342], came Hugh de Corbrigge, Master of the house of Scholars of Balliolhall, Oxford, and caused the above two deeds to be enrolled.

Fo. lxiv.

Br'e pro parliam'to apud Westm' tenend' et pro civib' habend' ibidem.

Writ to the Sheriffs for the election of two citizens to attend a Council (*consilium seu tractatum*) to be held at Westminster with the Prelates, Magnates, and Commons of the realm on Wednesday after the Feast of St. Edward the Confessor next [13 Oct.], by Edward, Duke of Cornwall, *Custos* of the realm, the King himself being about to cross the sea.[1] Witness the King at Eastry, 12 Sept., 16 Edward III. [A.D. 1342].

De muragio Poletrie apud la Ledenhalle.

Wednesday after the Feast of St. Michael [29 Sept.], 16 Edward III. [A.D. 1342], the ferm of the murage at "la Ledenhall" demised to John de Roystone; to hold from the following Thursday until the quinzaine of SS. Simon and Jude, he paying each week 15½*d.*, or 9*s.* in all. Sureties for the said John, viz., John de Stafford, cordwainer, and Cristian de Bury.

Afterwards the said murage was granted to the said John for 5 marks by the year.

Fo. lxiv b.

Acquietanc' executor' testamenti Hug' de Gartone per Hugon' fil' ejusdem Hugonis.

Acquittance by Hugh, son of Hugh de Gartone, late mercer, to John de Caustone and John Dallynge, his father's executors, for money due under his father's will. Witnesses, William de Caustone, Nicholas atte Mersshe, John de Gartone, William de Panetria, Simon de Gartone, and others [not named]. Dated Friday the Feast of St. Luke [18 Oct.], 16 Edward III. [A.D. 1342].

Acknowledged before Roger de Depham and Richard Lacer, Aldermen, and Thomas de Maryns, the Chamberlain, on Saturday before the Feast of SS. Simon and Jude [28 Oct.], 16 Edward III. [A.D. 1342].

[1] The King did not leave England until the 4th October. It was probably this Council or Parliament that the late Bishop Stubbs referred to when he remarked that, although during the short visit paid by Edward to Brittany in the winter of 1342-3 "an attempt was made by the Regent his son Edward to hold a Parliament for the southern counties, the estates were not called together until the 28th of April, 1343" ('Const. Hist.,' ii. 392). Cf. *supra*, p. 73, note.

Writ to the Sheriffs to take pledges for the appearance of the Mayor and Commonalty before the King's Justices at Westminster fifteen days after St. Martin's Day [11 Nov.], to answer William Scot and Robert de "Elnestede," executors of Robert de Bardelby, clerk, on a plea of detention of money, and to show cause why the said Mayor and Commonalty failed to appear on summons before the Justices fifteen days after Michaelmas. Witness J[ohn] de Stonore at Westminster, 4 Nov., 16 Edward III. [A.D. 1342].

Br'e d'ni R' quod Maior et co'itas sint cor' Justic' d'ni R' de banco etc.

Thursday after the Feast of All Saints [1 Nov.], 16 Edward III. [A.D. 1342], the murage of Smethefeld demised to John de Stafford, cordwainer, by Simon Fraunceys, the Mayor, and the Aldermen, at a monthly rent of 13*s.* 4*d.* Sureties for the said John, viz., Geoffrey de Rokyngham, cordwainer, and Ralph le Kyng, "bocher."

Dimissio muragii de Smethefeld.

Friday after the Feast of Exaltation of H. Cross [14 Sept.], 16 Edward III. [A.D. 1342], the houses above (*ultra*) Alegate granted to John Lucas, clerk of the Sheriffs, by Simon Fraunceys, the Mayor, John de Grantham, Andrew Aubrey, Roger de Depham, William de Thorneye, John Hamond, Richard Lacer, John de Refham, William de Caustone, Richard de Berkynge, William de Brikelesworth, John de Aylesham, John de Northhalle, Richard Costantyn, and William de Pontefract, Aldermen, the said John Lucas paying therefor into the Chamber of the Guildhall yearly the sum of 13*s.* 4*d.*, and covenanting to keep the houses in good repair.

De porta de Alegate dimissa Joh'i Lucas clerico vic'.

Vacat quia habet co'e sigillum pro reparacione domorum ejusdem porte.

Saturday the Feast of St. Andrew [30 Nov.], 16 Edward III. [A.D. 1342], John de Camerwell and Thomas atte Grene, bailiffs of the Weavers, and John Payn, beadle of the same, sworn before Simon Fraunceys, the Mayor, and the Aldermen, to safeguard the mistery of the said Weavers, &c.

Electi pro custodia mesteri Telar'.

Fo. lxv.

Assignment by Simon de Heleghe, chaplain, and Juliana Bloundel to Walter atte Condut, vintner, of an annual quitrent of 100*s.* charged on tenements at the corner of Bredstrete held sometime by Isabella Godchepe and Richard de Brusyngham, which rent charge had been granted to the said Simon and

Scriptum Walteri atte Condut per Simon' de Heleghe capell'm et Jul' Bloundel.

Juliana for their lives by William de Mussendene.[1] Simon Fraunceys, Mayor, John Lovekyn and Richard de Kyselingbury, Sheriffs, Andrew Aubri, Alderman of the Ward.[2] Witnesses, Geoffrey de Westone, Thomas de Oxeneford, Robert de Draytone, John atte Condut, William de Walyngford, and others [not named]. Dated Thursday after the Feast of St. Edmund [20 Nov.], 16 Edward III. [A.D. 1342].

ij*s.* vj*d.*

The above deed acknowledged before John de Refham, Alderman, and Thomas de Maryns, the Chamberlain, on Tuesday the morrow of St. Katherine [25 Nov.], 16 Edward III. [A.D. 1342].

Script' indentat' int' eosdem.

Indenture of covenant that the above grant shall be void on payment to the said Walter de Condut or his executors of the sum of £20 at Michaelmas, A.D. 1350, in the church of St. Martin in the Vintry by the aforesaid Simon and Juliana or either of them. Dated Thursday after the Feast of St. Edmund [20 Nov.], 16 Edward III. [A.D. 1342].

ij*s.* vj*d.*

Fo. lxv b.

Script' Alic' de Spersholte et Rog'i de Wodhulle per Adam de Westone et Alic' ux' eius.

Lease by Adam de Westone and Alice his wife to Alice de Spersholte and Roger de Wodhulle of a tenement in Watlyngstrete in the parish of St. Mary de Aldermaricherche for a term of twenty-four years at an annual rent of 25*s.* Simon Fraunceys, Mayor, John Lovekyn and Richard de Kyselyngbury, Sheriffs, John de Grantham, Alderman of the Ward.[3] Witnesses, Richard de Welleford, John de Kelyngworth, William de Bannebury, Peter de Kyngestone, William de Chelry, Richard Chaucer,[4] John atte Gate, John de Berkynge, William de Derby, &c. Dated in the said parish of Aldermaricherche, Saturday the Feast of St. Clement [23 Nov.], 16 Edward III. [A.D. 1342].

ij*s.* vj*d.*

[1] Cf. *supra*, pp. 72-3.

[2] Bread Street.

[3] Cordwainer Street.

[4] *Vide supra*, p. 47n. In 1341 he had been appointed deputy to Reymund Seguyn, the King's Butler, in the Port of London, for the purpose of collecting the King's customs on wines due from foreigners, and in the following year was made a commissioner (with others) to detain vessels for the King's passage to France. See 'Life Records of Chaucer,' part iv. pp. 335-6. By his will dated and enrolled in the Court of Husting in 1349, he desired to be buried in the church of St. Mary, Aldermary. 'Cal. of Wills,' i. 590.

Fo. lxvi.

De lagena vini Vascon' vend' pro iiij*d. et vinum Renys pro* vj*d.*

Precept on behalf of the King sent by the Mayor and Aldermen to each of the Sheriffs, viz., John Lovekyn and Richard de Kyselyngbury, on Tuesday the morrow of St. Katherine [25 Nov.], 16 Edward III. [A.D. 1342], to the effect that they and their serjeants should visit all taverns where wine is sold, and command the wine sellers to sell no Gascon wine for more than 4*d.* a gallon nor Rhenish wine for more than 6*d.*, nor keep the two wines in the same cellar, and, further, to allow customers to see their wine drawn according to the late proclamation.[1]

Bladar' jur pro custodia mercati pavimentorum.

Thursday after the Feast of St. Katherine [25 Nov.], 16 Edward III. [A.D. 1342], Robert le Taverner, Laurence le Whyte, John de Brayneford, John Cole, and Thomas Warde, cornmongers, elected before Simon Fraunceys, the Mayor, the Aldermen, and the Sheriffs to be wardens of the corn market on the pavement at Grascherche; and William de Sandale, John de Enefeld, Peter atte Corner, Robert de Cliderhowe, Richard de St. Giles, John de Nortone, Adam Broun, John atte Ston, and William de Beauner (Beauver ?), cornmongers, elected guardians of the corn market on the pavement at Neugate; and they were sworn to keep the said markets according to the ordinances in the Red Book of Memoranda, fo. xxxix,[2] and in the White Book of Memoranda, fo. xliv,[3] &c.

De balliva de Suthewerk dimissa Will'o de Iford.

Thursday after the Feast of St. Nicholas [6 Dec.], 16 Edward III. [A.D. 1342], the bailiwick of Suthewerk demised by Simon Fraunceys, the Mayor, the Aldermen, and Chamberlain to William de Iford, the Common Serjeant, at a yearly rent of £10.

Breve sicut pluries pro auro Regine

Writ *pluries* to the Mayor, Aldermen, and good men of the Commonalty of the City to appear before the Barons of the Exchequer at Westminster the morrow of the Purification B. M. [2 Feb.] to show cause why they had not paid the sum of 110 marks due to Queen Philippa as "Queen's gold." Witness R[obert] de Sadyngtone at Westminster, 20 Dec., 16 Edward III. [A.D. 1342].

[1] Printed by Delpit, *op. cit.*, p. 69.
[2] Apparently a wrong reference.
[3] See 'Cal. Letter-Book E,' pp. 56-57.

Fo. lxvi b.

Br'e R' pro murag' non prestando.

Writ to the Mayor and Sheriffs not to exact murage, pontage, and pavage from merchants of Flanders. Witness Edward, Duke of Cornwall, *Custos* of England, &c., at Kenyngtone, 8 Feb., 17 Edward III. [A.D. 1342–3].

Allocac' fact' hominibus Flandr' de muragio non prestando.

Pursuant to the above writ precept was issued by the Mayor and Aldermen to the collectors of murage to restore any distress taken from Flemings.

Breve pro treng' proclamand'.

Writ to the Sheriffs of London for proclamation to be made of the truce that had been made between England and France for three years. Dated 20 Feb., 17 Edward III. [A.D. 1342–3].[1]

Proclamation made accordingly on Monday after the Feast of St. Matthias [24 Feb.].

Fo. lxvii.

Breve pro parliamento apud Westm' tenend'.

Writ to the Sheriffs for the election of two citizens to attend a Parliament to be held at Westminster before the Feast of the Nativity of St. John Bapt. [24 June] to consider the terms of the truce with France.[2] Witness E[dward], Duke of Cornwall, *Custos* of England, &c., at Byflet, 24 Feb., 17 Edward III. [A.D. 1342–3].

Writ to the Sheriffs to distrain the Mayor and Commonalty, &c., and have their bodies before the Justices at Westminster fifteen days after Easter to answer William Scot and Robert de "Elnestede," executors of Robert de Bardelby, clerk, in a plea for rendering to them the sum of £30, &c. [No date.]

Concessio facta carnificibus de parochia Sancti Nich'i pro visser' bestiar' mundand'.

At the Husting for Common Pleas held on Monday before the Feast of St. Gregory [12 March], 17 Edward III. [A.D. 1342–1343], Simon Fraunceys, the Mayor, the Aldermen, and the Commonalty of the City granted to the butchers of the parish of St. Nicholas at the Shambles a parcel of land in Secollane adjoining the Flete for the purpose of cleansing the entrails of beasts, the said butchers to repair and maintain a certain wharf, and to pay yearly to the Mayor for the time being a boar's head.[3]

[1] Rymer, 'Fœdera,' vol. ii. pt. ii. p. 1219.

[2] This Parliament met on the 28th April and sat until the 20th May, the lords temporal and spiritual sitting in a different house from the representative members. It approved the truce which had been made with France. 'Rot. Parl.,' vol. ii. p. 136.

[3] 'Memorials,' p. 214.

Indenture of covenant by Sir John Wythorne de Duntone, chaplain, that a certain bond shall be void on condition that he be allowed peaceably to enjoy certain tenements in the parish of St. James de Garlekhethe in the Vintry granted to him by Richard Godchepe and Margery his wife. Witnesses, Richard de Rothinge, Walter Neel, Henry Gesors, Michael Mynot, William Claptus, John de Cressyngham, Robert de Lincoln, Philip de Shobyndone, Thomas de Sharnebroke, Gilbert Pany (Pavy ?), John de Stebbenhethe, clerk, and many others [not named]. Dated Monday after the Feast of Invention of H. Cross [3 May], 17 Edward III. [A.D. 1343]. Fo. lxvii b. *Script' int' d'um Joh'em Wythorne et Ric'm Godchep et Marger' uxorem ejus.*

Lease by William de Salesbury, fishmonger, and Juliana his wife to Stephen de Hodesdone, cook, of a certain cellar under a shop in the parish of St. Christopher de Bradestrete, and another shop in Lovelane in the same parish situate near the tenement of Simon Cote, for a term of twelve years, at an annual rent of 18*s*. Witnesses, Ralph de Cantebrege, William de Cantebrege, Philip Swift, Peter de Grenestede, John de Estwyk, and others [not named]. Dated Tuesday after the Feast of the Invention of H. Cross [3 May], 17 Edward III. [A.D. 1343]. *Scriptum Steph'i de Hodesdone.*

The above deed acknowledged before John de Aylesham, Alderman, and Thomas de Maryns, the Chamberlain, Friday after the Feast of St. Barnabas [11 June], 17 Edward III. [A.D. 1343]. Paid 2*s*. 6*d*. ij*s*. vj*d*.

De tribus septimanis Purificationis Beate Marie [2 Feb.] anno xvii Regis Edwardi tercii [A.D. *1342–3*]. Fos. lxviii-lxviii b.

Precept to the Sheriffs for the Mayor, Aldermen, and good men of the City to appear before the Barons this day to show cause why the sum of 110 marks due to the Queen in respect of 1,100 marks lately granted to the King on account of the fifteenth granted to him by Parliament in the eighth year of his reign should not be levied on their goods and chattels. The Queen prosecutes by Peter de Bylaugh her attorney, the Mayor and Aldermen, &c., defend by Geoffrey de Astone their attorney, and produce letters patent dated at the vill of St. John, 1 July, *Preceptum vic' quod scire fac' Maior' et Alder'is essendi ad scaccarium d'ni R'.*

10 Edward III. [A.D. 1336], acquitting them of such payment as the aforesaid sum of 1,100 marks was not paid by way of a fine, but as a free gift.[1]

Thereupon the Queen's attorney claimed that Queen's gold had frequently been paid on voluntary gifts, as shown by books of the Exchequer, and moreover it was the King's wish that his consort should have her gold like other Queens notwithstanding any orders to the contrary, and he produces the King's writ dated at the Tower, 15 March, 12 Edward III. [A.D. 1337–8], to that effect. The Court desires to deliberate, and a day is given.

Fo. lxix

Lease by Edmund de Malyns, son of Henry Buscre de Malynes, to James Gournay, called "Sherman," and Johanna his wife of a tenement which the grantor had of John le Bole in the parish of St. Peter de Cornhull, situate near the tenements of John de Tolouse, senior, and Hugh de Kent, and the garden of Sir John de Neville, called "Ledenhall gardyn"; to hold the same for a term of 100 years at an annual rent of £4, Simon Fraunceys being Mayor, Richard de Keselyngbery and John Lovekyn, Sheriffs, and Bartholomew Deumars, Alderman of the Ward.[2] Witnesses, John de Tolouse, senior, Cambin Fulberd, Walter de Lyndewode, Jordan Baudry, John Pycot, Henry de Norhamptone, Thomas de Merewode, clerk, and others [not named]. Dated Tuesday the Feast of Nativity of St. John [24 June], 17 Edward III. [A.D. 1343].

Acknowledged before Richard de Rothinge, Alderman, and Thomas de Maryns, the Chamberlain, Wednesday after the Feast of Translation of St. Thomas [7 July], 17 Edward III. [A.D. 1343].

Fo. lxix b.

Br'e pro auro Regine.

Writ to the Sheriffs to levy the sum of 110 marks due for Queen's gold on the goods and chattels of the Mayor and Commonalty. Witness R[obert] de Sadyngtone at Westminster, 5 July, 17 Edward III. [A.D. 1343].

[1] *Vide supra*, pp. 68-9.

[2] Bishopsgate.

Eleccio Nich'i de Abyndone in servientem proclamatorem civitat'.

Friday after the Feast of Translation of St. Thomas [7 July], 17 Edward III. [A.D. 1343], Nicholas de Abyndone elected Common Serjeant Crier (*in communem servientem proclamatorem*[1]) of the City in the presence of Simon Fraunceys, the Mayor, Roger de Depham, William de Caustone, Richard Lacer, John Hamond, Walter Turk, John de Caustone, Walter Neel, William de Poumfreyt, John de Ayllesham, William de Brikelesworth, John de Grantham, William de Thorneye, and Richard de Berkynge, Aldermen, Richard de Keselyngbury and John Lovekyn, Sheriffs, and a great number of Commoners; to hold the same during good behaviour and to receive the issues and profits of old accustomed.

Saturday the Feast of St. Alphege [19 April], 17 Edward III. [A.D. 1343], the guardianship of Alice, daughter of John de la Marche, aged seven years, committed to Roger de Wodhulle, "chaundeler," together with her property, by Simon Fraunceys, the Mayor, the Aldermen, and Thomas de Maryns, the Chamberlain. Sureties, viz., John de Dallynge, mercer, residing in Bassieshawe, and William de Derby, "taillour," residing in Cordewanerstrete.

Fo. lxx.

L'ra d'no Pape directa per Principem Wallie ac Com' Baron' et co'itatem regni Anglie pro alienigenis non beneficiand' in Angl'

Letter from Edward, Prince of Wales, the Earls, Barons, burgesses, &c., of the realm of England assembled in the Parliament held at Westminster in the quinzaine of Easter last,[2] to Pope Clement [VI.], objecting to English benefices being conferred on foreigners. No date.[3]

[1] *Vide supra*, p. 30, note 2.

[2] The Parliament met on the 28th April and sat until the 20th May. In it the King created his eldest son Prince of Wales. Stubbs, 'Const. Hist.,' ii. 392, note 2.

[3] As printed (with translation) in Murimuth ('Contin. Chron.,' Rolls Series, No. 93, pp. 138-42) and Avesbury ('De Gestis Edwardi Tertii,' *ibid.*, pp. 353-4) the letter bears date the 18th May, 1343. Papal claims to ecclesiastical patronage in England had greatly increased since the beginning of the century. Murimuth (*op. cit.*, pp. 229-30) gives a curious account of the interview at Avignon which the English envoy, Sir John Shoreditch, had with the Pope on presenting this letter of remonstrance.

Fo. lxx b.

Proclamation made Sunday after the Feast of St. Peter ad Vincula [1 Aug.], 17 Edward III. [A.D. 1343], for maintaining the peace and government of the City, regulating the business of taverner, brewer, hosteler, &c.

Br'e ad distringend' Maiorem et co'itatem etc.

Writ *alias* to the Sheriffs to distrain the Mayor and Commonalty by all their lands and chattels to appear before the Justices at Westminster in the octave of St. Michael to answer William Scot and Robert de "Elmestede," executors of Robert de Bardelby, clerk, in a plea for the restoration of a sum of £30. Witness J[ohn] de Stonore at Westminster, 11 July, 17 Edward III. [A.D. 1343].

Fo. lxxi.

De retib' capt' in Thamisia et combust'.

At a congregation of the Mayor and Aldermen on Wednesday after the Feast of the Assumption B. M. [15 Aug.], 17 Edward III. [A.D. 1343], certain nets of unlawful mesh found in the Thames to the west of London Bridge condemned to be burnt.[1]

Acquietanc' Thome de Sewelle per Joh'em le Yonge.

sol' ij*s.* vj*d.*

Quitclaim by John, son of Robert le Yonge, late bureller of "Candelwykestre," to Thomas de Sewelle, bureller of the same street, and Amicia his wife, mother of the aforesaid John, and principal executrix of the said Robert, and to William de Braughynge, John le Neve, and Robert de Hatfeld, mainpernors of the said Thomas de Sewelle, of anything due under the will of his father. Dated Saturday the eve of the Feast of St. Laurence [10 Aug.], 17 Edward III. [A.D. 1343].

Fos. lxxi b–lxxii.

Treuge inter Reges Anglie et Franc' etc.

Letter of Peter,[2] Vice-Chancellor of the Holy Roman Church, and Ambald, Bishop of Tusculum, making public the terms of a truce for three years between the Kings of England and France. Dated at the Benedictine Priory of St. Mary Magdalen of Malestroit[3] (*de Malestrito*) in the diocese of Vannes [19 Jan.], A.D. 1343 [*sic*].[4]

[1] Set out in 'Memorials,' pp. 214, 215. Cf. 'Cal. Letter-Book A,' p. 186.

[2] Cardinal Peter of Palæstrina or Præneste. Rymer, 'Fœdera,' vol. ii. pt. ii. p. 1216.

[3] A town in Brittany, situate near Vannes.

[4] Printed in Murimuth's 'Continuatio Chronicarum' (Rolls Series, No. 93, pp. 129-34), where the year is also given as 1343, although according to the Old Style we should have expected 1342. Cf. Avesbury, 'De Gestis Edwardi Tertii,' *ibidem*, pp. 344-8.

Fo. lxxii b.

Br'e de errore corrigendo in placito moto int' Joh'em de Willehale et Alic' que fuit ux' Ric'i de Willehale viz. apud Sc'm Martinum Magnum etc.

Writ to the Mayor and Sheriffs that they assist William de Shareshulle, Roger Hillary, and Richard de Kelleshulle, Justices appointed to hear a plea in error from the Husting, at the church of St. Martin le Grand,[1] between John de Willehale and Alice, wife of Richard de Willehale, touching a messuage and shops; the previous judgment in the Husting being prejudicial to William Pykerel, "seler,"[2] and the aforesaid Alice, now his wife. Dated 2 July, 17 Edward III. [A.D. 1343].

Premunicio Will'i de Shareshulle, Rog'i Hillary et Ric'i de Kelleshulle Justic' assign' pro de'o errore corrigend' si etc.

Citation of the Mayor and Sheriffs by the above Justices to appear at the church of St. Martin le Grand on Sunday after the quinzaine of St. Michael, on the above matter. Dated at Oxford, Friday the Feast of St. James [25 July], 17 Edward III. [A.D. 1343].

Fo. lxxiii.

Comp' Thome de Maryns Camerar'.

Account of Thomas de Maryns, the Chamberlain of the Guildhall, rendered before Richard Lacer, William de Poumfreyt, and Richard de Berkyng, Aldermen, William Box, William de Elsynge, Thomas de Waldene, and John de Tiffeld, commoners, the 20th Sept., 17 Edward III. [A.D. 1343], for three years. Among the items of expenditure occurs one of 100*s*. on the repair, &c., of the Guildhall.

Fo. lxxiii b.

Br'e pro errore corrigendo.

Writ to the Mayor and Sheriffs that they assist Robert Parvynge, Roger Hillary, Thomas de Heppescotes, and John de Martone, Justices assigned to hear a plea in error from the Husting at the church of St. Martin le Grand between the Abbot of Waltham Holy Cross and Adam le Treyere for wrongful detention. Dated at the Tower of London, 2 July, 15 Edward III. [A.D. 1341].

Order to the Mayor and Sheriffs by the above Justices to produce at the church of St. Martin le Grand on Sunday before the Feast of St. James [25 July] the record and process of the above matter. Dated Sunday after the Feast of Translation of St. Thomas the Martyr [7 July], 15 Edward III. [A.D. 1341].

[1] *Vide supra*, p. 64, note.

[2] Saddler.

Return made to the effect that the franchise of the City does not allow of a record and process of any plea in the Husting of the City being sent or returned before Justices assigned to sit in error touching such plea at St. Martin le Grand; but the Mayor and Aldermen to whom the record and process belong will be prepared to testify by the mouth of the Recorder on the matter, after a respite of forty days[1] for consultation, according to the custom of the City.

Return by the Sheriffs that they had duly summoned the Abbot of Waltham to attend by Robert le Ropere and Alexander Lucas.

Fo. lxxiv.

Sicut pluries pro auro Regine.

Writ *pluries* to the Sheriffs to levy 110 marks due for Queen's gold on the goods and chattels of the Mayor and Commonalty. Witness W[illiam] de Stowe at Westminster, 10 Oct., 17 Edward III. [A.D. 1343].[2]

Br'e Reg' pro Ric'o de Canterbyrs lardinar' Reg' de custodia gaole de Neugate habenda.

Writ to the Sheriffs to summon the Mayor and Commonalty before the King's Chancery to show cause why the keepership of Neugate had not been committed to Richard de Canterbyrs, clerk of the King's kitchen (*lardinarius noster*), as the King had desired; to hold the same in manner as it had been formerly held by Richard de Hereford and Edmund le Lorimer by grant of the King's ancestors.[3] Dated 15 Oct., 17 Edward III. [A.D. 1343].

Fo. lxxiv b.

Br'e d'ni Reg' pro execucione habenda de quinque mill' librar' mutuat' d'no J. Archiep'o et al' etc.

Writ to the Sheriff of York for William de Kyldesby, clerk, to appear in the Chancery to show cause why a levy should not be made on his lands and chattels for the sum of £5,000 in which he was jointly bound with John [Stratford], Archbishop of Canterbury, William la Zouche, Dean of York, Henry de

[1] Known as "quarantene."

[2] Before the end of the following month the citizens had agreed to raise the sum of 80 marks in discharge of the Queen's gold. 'Pleas and Memoranda,' Roll A 4, membr. 6.

[3] As to their appointments no record appears. In 1319, however, we find it recorded that Edmund le Lorimer, among other officials, was deposed from the office of gaoler of Newgate by the King's Justices sitting at the Guildhall. 'Chron. Edw. I. and II.,' vol. i. p. 285. Ten years before he had obtained a grant of the City's Small Beam at the special request of Hugh le Despenser and Sir John de Hastings. 'Cal. Letter-Book C,' p. 155; 'Cal. Letter-Book D,' p. 212.

Fervariis, and John de Pulteneye, Knt., to Andrew Aubrey, the Mayor, John de Oxon', Simon Fraunceys, Walter de Mordone, Henry Wymond, and Thomas de Maryns, and why the said sum should not be delivered to the said Andrew, Simon, Walter, Henry, and Thomas, and to Richard de Rothynge, Walter Neel, Adam Brabasoun, and John de Wythorn de Dountone, executors of the said John de Oxon', deceased. Witness the King at Westminster, 20 Nov., 17 Edward III. [A.D. 1343].

Similar writs to the Sheriffs of York, London, and Kent for the appearance of the other parties to the bond.

Quare custodia gaole de Neugate non liberatur Ric'o de Cauntebirs.

Writ to the Sheriffs to summon the Mayor and Commonalty to appear in the Chancery to show cause why they should not grant the keepership of Neugate to Richard de Canterbirs, the King's clerk of the kitchen, as commanded. Dated 16 Nov., 17 Edward III. [A.D. 1343].

Fo. lxxv.

Script' Will'i Payn et ux'is ejus per Joh'em de Shordyche sellar' et ux'm ejus.

Indenture of lease by John de Shoredyche, saddler, and Hawisia his wife to William Payne, "fuster," and Juliana his wife of a tenement in the parish of St. Alphege within Crepelgate for a term of 20¼ years, charged with the yearly payment of 15*s.* quitrent to the abbot and convent of Lesnes.[1] John de Pulteneye, Mayor, William Curteys and John called "clerk,"[2] Sheriffs, Richard Costanty[n], Alderman of the Ward.[3] Witnesses, William de Elsynge, William de Pertenhale, John de Shirbourne, clerk, Roger de Mymmes, Peter le Peyntour, Gilbert le Kervere, John de Totenham, chaundeler, Richard Tailboys, Serjeant of the Ward, and others [not named]. Dated Wednesday after the Feast of St. Andrew [30 Nov.], 10 Edward III. [A.D. 1336].

sol' ij*s.* vj*d.*

Acknowledged by the above John and Hawysia before John Hamond, the Mayor, Tuesday after the Feast of St. Lucia [13 Dec.], 17 Edward III. [A.D. 1343].

Fo. lxxv b.

De falso pondere candelar'.

Friday after the Feast of St. Nicholas [6 Dec.], 17 Edward III. [A.D. 1343], there were brought before John Hamond, the Mayor, Henry Darci, Andrew Aubrey, Roger de Depham,

[1] Near Erith, co. Kent.

[2] Otherwise known as John de Northalle.

[3] Cripplegate.

William de Caustone, Richard Lacer, Walter Turk, Walter Neel, Richard de Rothynge, William de Thorneye, John Rokele, John de Ayllesham, Walter de Mordone, John de Northalle, and William Poumfreyt, Aldermen, certain candles of false weight, viz., 5 lb., found with Alice la Strengere residing near the New Temple; 111 lb. found with Alice, late wife of Robert le Chaundeler, residing in the same place; 25 lb. found with Alice, wife of Robert le Noreys, "chaundeler," residing at Westsmethefeld; 212 lb. found with Ralph le Chaundeler residing on Cornhulle. By favour of the Mayor the said candles were restored to the owners on the understanding that any false candles found with them in future should be confiscated.

De xxs. *liberat' Alicie matri Petri de Reymes.*

Friday after the Feast of St. Lucia [13 Dec.], 17 Edward III. [A.D. 1343], came John Vivent, executor of John de Pampesworth, before Thomas de Maryns, the Chamberlain, and paid the sum of 20*s.* late in the custody of the said John de Pampesworth, which sum had been bequeathed by Peter le Cok to Peter de Reymes, his godson (*filiolo*). Afterwards, viz., on Thursday after the Epiphany [6 Jan.], the same year, the money aforesaid was delivered, with the consent of the said Peter de Reymes, then fourteen years of age, to Alice his mother in trust. Sureties for the said Alice, viz., Richard de Kent, tailor, and William Hervy.

De custodia porte de Ludgate.

Be it remembered that David de Leycestre, Robert de Uttokeshatre, Richard de Berkynge, "brewere," John Copel, "brewere," Adam de Yiveneye, "sporiere," Thomas le Hornere, Gregory de Ramseye, Nicholas Peautrer, Stephen le Brewere, William de Gloucestre, "bowyere," Adam Haket, "bowiere," and John atte Watre, "cotiller," elected Thomas atte Crouche, "sporiere," to keep the keys of Ludgate.

Quoddam mem^l de Scaccario.

Extract from the Pipe Roll, anno 18 Edward III., touching the sum of 1,500 marks paid by the Commonalty of the City in respect of a fifteenth for two years, granted anno 14;[1] and also of a sum of 500 marks paid by way of fine for respite of an *Iter* at the Tower.

[1] Probably by the Parliament which commenced to sit on the 29th March, 1340. See Stubbs, 'Const. Hist.,' ii. 381n., 382. Cf. *infra*, p. 97.

Monday the morrow of St. Thomas, Ap. [21 Dec.], 17 Edward III. [A.D. 1343], Thomas atte Grene and Hugh Joye, weavers, admitted bailiffs of the Weavers, and sworn before John Hamond, the Mayor, and the Aldermen.

Ballivi Teiarior'.

Acquittance by William de Tudenham, mercer, and Johanna his wife, daughter of Hugh de Waltham, late of London, clerk,[1] to Isabella Godchepe, guardian of the said Johanna, for all property due to the said Johanna. Witnesses, John de Bromholm, William Clerk, Nicholas atte Forde, John de Sothereye, Nicholas Hablond, Nicholas de Harewedone, clerk, and others [not named]. Dated Wednesday after the Purification B. M. [2 Feb.], 18 Edward III. [A.D. 1343–4].

Fo. lxxvi.

Acquietanc' Isabell' Godchepe par Will' de Tudenham et Johane sa femme.

ij*s.* vj*d.*

Acknowledged before Thomas de Maryns, the Chamberlain, on Saturday after the Purification.

Writ to the Sheriffs to make proclamation against the exportation of corn except to Gascony, Ireland, Flanders, Brittany, Brabant, Spain, Holland, Zeeland, and Almain, and from the following ports, viz., London, Southampton, Exeter, Dartmouth, Bristol, Great Yarmouth, Lynne, St. Botolph,[2] Kingston-on-Hull, and Newcastle-on-Tyne, and not from elsewhere. Witness the King at Dittone, 23 Dec., 17 Edward III. [A.D. 1343].[3]

Br'e quod blada non ducantur extra regnum nisi ad certa regna.

Proclamation made accordingly on Monday before Christmas.

Writ to the Sheriffs to cause proclamation to be made forbidding the bringing into the country of any Papal Bull or other instrument or process prejudicial to the inhabitants of the realm, and to make diligent search for those doing the same. Dated 30 Jan., 18 Edward III. [A.D. 1343–4].[4]

Fos. lxxvi b–lxxvii.

Br'e quod nullus indigen' sine alienig' bullas instr' in regnum Angl' deferrat prejudicialia.

[1] Formerly Common Clerk (*i.e.*, Town Clerk) of the City, being succeeded in office by Roger de Depham in Jan., 1335. 'Cal. Letter-Book E,' p. 5.

[2] Boston, co. Linc.

[3] Set out by Delpit, *op. cit.*, p. 70.

[4] Rymer, 'Fœdera,' vol. iii. pt. i. p. 2. The necessity of restricting the Papal claims to ecclesiastical patronage had become of the utmost importance now that the Pope was residing at Avignon in close alliance with Philip of France. The matter had received the serious consideration of the Parliament of 1343, with the result that a remonstrance from the lay estates had been addressed to the Pope. *Vide supra*, p. 87. Cf. Stubbs, 'Const. Hist.,' ii. 393.

Proclamation made accordingly on Monday after the Purification B. M. [2 Feb.].

Fo. lxxvii b.

Br'e d'ni Reg' quod utlagati vel retracti reveniant ad gr'am R' vidz: pro lanis non custumatis.

Writ to the Sheriffs to proclaim a safe conduct to those convicted before Robert Parvyng and his fellow Justices of having illegally exported wool, hides, and woolfells who were willing to come and make fine to the King before Sunday in mid-Lent. Dated at Dittone, 2 Jan., 17 Edward III. [1343–4].

Proclamation made accordingly on Thursday after the Feast of Epiphany.

Another writ appointing the time of grace to continue until Easter. Proclamation accordingly on Tuesday before the Feast of St. Gregory [12 March], 18 Edward III. [A.D. 1343–4].

Br'e d'ni Reg' pro moneta auri non refutand'.

Writ to the Sheriffs to make proclamation of the issue of three new gold pieces of money, bearing respectively two leopards, one leopard, and a helmet (*heaume*), of the value of 6*s.*, 3*s.*, and 1*s.* 6*d.*, and for their due acceptance as currency. Dated at Westminster, 27 Jan., 18 Edward III. [A.D. 1343–4].[1]

Proclamation made accordingly on Sunday before the Purification [2 Feb.].

Br'e d'ni pro iiij hominibus magis sufficientibus et notitiam de statu navigii h'ent' contra med' quadragesimam.

Writ to the Mayor and Sheriffs that they cause four good men versed in naval matters to attend the King and his Council on Monday after mid-Lent [21 March], to consult upon the state of the navy. Witness the King at Westminster, 6 Feb., 18 Edward III. [A.D. 1343–4].[2]

Writ to the Sheriffs for proclamation to be made forbidding any earl, baron, knight, esquire, or any other person bearing arms, religious or pilgrim, to leave the kingdom for foreign parts without special licence, on pain of arrest. Witness the King at Westminster, 9 Feb., 18 Edward III. [A.D. 1343–4].[3]

Proclamation made accordingly on Thursday before the Feast of St. Valentine [14 Feb.].

[1] Rymer, 'Fœdera,' vol. iii. pt. i. p. 1. This was the first issue of gold coinage that had been made for nearly ninety years, the last being the issue of a gold penny of the value of 20*d.*, made by Henry III. in 1257.

[2] Rymer, 'Fœdera,' vol. iii. pt. i. p. 4.

[3] *Id. ibid.*

General release by Adam, son of Adam de Masshebury, to Benedict de Folsham in respect of his father's will. Dated 20 Feb., 18 Edward III. [A.D. 1343–4]. Fo. lxxviii. *Acquietanc' Benedicti de Folsham per Adam fil' Ade de Masshebury*

General release by Benedict de Folsham to Adam, son of Adam de Masshebury. Dated 20 Feb., 18 Edward III. [A.D. 1343–4]. *Acquietanc' Ade fil' Ade de Masshebury per Benedictum de Folsham.*

The above releases acknowledged before Andrew Aubrey, Alderman, and Thomas de Maryns, the Chamberlain, on Monday after the Feast of St. Matthias, Ap. [24 Feb.], 18 Edward III. [A.D. 1343–4].

Writ to the Sheriffs for proclamation to be made for all wines to be brought to Thomas de Colleye, the gauger of wines, and not to be discharged from ships and carried away secretly. Witness the King at Westminster, 25 Feb., 18 Edward III. [A.D. 1343–4]. *Br'e quod vina gaugeantur.*

Proclamation made accordingly on Sunday after the Feast of St. Matthias [24 Feb.].

Lease by John, son of John de Refham, and Matilda his wife, to John de Dunle, pepperer, and Johanna his wife, of a shop in Sopereslane, situate near shops held by John de Cavendisshe, mercer, and William le Botoner; to hold the same for a term of twelve years at an annual rent of 20*s*. Witnesses, John de Cavendisshe, Richard Scarlet, William Botoner, and others [not named]. Dated Thursday before the Feast of St. Valentine [14 Feb.], 18 Edward III. [A.D. 1343–4]. Fo. lxxviii b. *Scriptum Joh'is de Dunle et ux'is eius per Joh' de Refham et ux'm eius.* *sol.* ij*s.* vj*d.*

Acknowledged before Thomas de Maryns, the Chamberlain, on Saturday the 7th March.

Writ to the Sheriffs to proclaim the issue of three new gold pieces of money and of new silver sterlings of the old assay; the same to be received as currency, under penalty. Dated at Westminster, 2 March, 18 Edward III. [A.D. 1343–4].[1] *Br'e d'ni Regis pro moneta auri et argenti concurrent' in Angliam.*

Thursday before the Feast of St. Andrew [30 Nov.], 17 Edward III. [A.D. 1343], precept issued by John Hamond, the Mayor, to Walter Lombard, serjeant, to summon the better Fo. lxxix. *Concordia inter Piscenarios et Pelliparios.*

[1] Rymer, 'Fœdera,' vol. iii. pt. i. p. 7.

men of the misteries of Fishmongers and Skinners to appear before the Mayor, Aldermen, and Sheriffs, on Saturday the eve of St. Andrew, to take steps for putting down disturbances that had arisen between men of each mistery and for better preserving the peace. On the day named, there being present the Mayor, and Henry Darci, Roger de Depham, Richard Lacer, Walter Turk, John de Mockynge, John de Northalle, William de Pountfreyt, and Thomas Leggy, Aldermen, and John de Aylesham and John Syward, the Sheriffs, there came the following men of the mistery of Fishmongers, viz., John de Mockynge, Walter Turk, William Haunsard, John Syward, William Box, John de Croydon, Adam Brabazon, John de Gloucestre, William de Ware, John Triple, John Tornegold, Henry Brenge, William de Watford, Robert Swote, Richard Lambethe, Adam Pykeman, John Youn, John Leche, Richard Double, Henry Graspays, John Little, John Rous, Robert Popelton, Robert Pykeman, John Horn, Flemyng, Robert Furneux, Robert Halpenny, Henry Sterre de Halybourne, Geoffrey Horn, Adam de Kyngestone, Thomas Prat, John Moncoy, Henry Sterre Moncoy [*sic*], William Kere, John de Refham, Richard Pynnore, William de Fulham, Thomas de Bernes, Nicholas Madefrey, and William de Bernes; also there came the following men of the mistery of Skinners, viz., John de Northhalle, William de Pountfreyt, Thomas Leggy, William de Cave, Richard de Lincoln, William de Wyrcestre, John de Bedeford, Simon Rote, Robert de Eynesham, Laurence Sely, John Trappe, John le Bole, Elyas Dycoun, Thomas de Farnham, Richard de Carletone, Walter Page, Simon de Pulham, John de Oxon', Adam Aspal, John Yweyn, Robert de St. John, Robert de Glapwell, Robert de Derby, William de Bradelee, William de Walyngford, Hugh de St. Neot, Robert de Stodham, Robert Makeseye, John de Bery, and William de Lichebergh; and the aforesaid men made oath that they would in future make diligent search for misdoers of either mistery and certify their names to the Mayor, Aldermen, and Sheriffs. It was also agreed that the aforesaid men of the said misteries should have the power of arresting such misdoers and bringing them to the Sheriffs for punishment.

Names of Skinners elected for safeguarding their mistery, viz., William de Cave, John de Bedeford, Laurence Sely, William de Bradele, Simon Rote, John Bole, Thomas de Farnham, John de Oxon', Richard de Carletone, Walter Page, Simon de Pulham, and Adam Aspal.

Br'e R' Baron' de Scaccario pro civibus London'.

Writ to the Treasurer and Barons of the Exchequer that they allow the City the sum of 1,500 marks due to the King in respect of a fifteenth granted for two years (under the name of a ninth for two years),[1] and a further sum of 500 marks in respect of a respite of an *Iter* in their account of the sum of £5,000 which the King had borrowed, and for which a recognizance had been made by John [Stratford], Archbishop of Canterbury, William la Zouche, late Dean of York, Henry de Ferariis, Knt., William de Kyldesby, clerk, and John de Pulteneye, Knt., to the Mayor, &c.[2] Witness the King at Westminster, 3 March, 18 Edward III. [A.D. 1343–4].

Indentura int Joh'em de Refham et Matill' ux'm ejus & dimitt' et Ric'm Scarlet et Loram ux'm ejus recip'.

Lease by John, son of John de Refham, and Matilda his wife, to Richard Scarlet, mercer, and Lora his wife, of a certain shop at the head of "Shopereslane" towards Westchepe, in the parish of St. Pancras, for a term of twelve years at an annual rent of 7 marks. Witnesses, Thomas de Cavendisshe, Nicholas de Grenewych, Henry atte Rothe, John de Cavendisshe, William le Botoner, and others [not named]. Dated Friday, the Feast of St. Gregory [12 March], 18 Edward III. [A.D. 1343–4].

sol' ij*s.* vj*d.*

Acknowledged before the Chamberlain on Saturday the morrow of St. Gregory.

Fo. lxxx.

Composicio facta de venella vocata la Bretaskelane.

Be it remembered that on Thursday after the octave of the Purification B. M. [2 Feb.], 18 Edward III. [A.D. 1343–4], came Richard de Basyngestoke, goldsmith, before John Hamond, the Mayor, and Aldermen, saying that he had acquired from Thomas de Porkelee, goldsmith, a messuage and wharf near

[1] Instead of a tenth, a ninth sheaf, fleece and lamb were granted for two years by the prelates, barons, and knights of the shires in the Parliament which commenced to sit on the 29th March, 1340; the towns granted a ninth of goods, whilst a gift of a fifteenth was added for those who had no wool and yet did not come into the class of town population. Stubbs, 'Const. Hist.,' ii. 382. Cf. *supra*, p. 92.

[2] Cf. *supra*, pp. 90-1.

the lane called "Bretaske," which lane the aforesaid Thomas had closed up, but it had been opened again by order of the Mayor and Aldermen;[1] and in the lane there now stand eight posts on City soil, supporting a messuage belonging to the said Richard, who asks the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty to go and view them to see if they are prejudicial to the Commonalty, so that compensation might be made by a transfer of an equal quantity of land belonging to the said Richard to the Commonalty. On the following Friday, the posts being viewed by John Hamond, the Mayor, Roger de Depham, Bartholomew Deumars, John Rokel, and William de Pomfreyt, Aldermen, Henry de Prestone, Thomas de Ispania, and other good men of the Ward of Douegate, it was decided that they should be allowed to remain where they were, the Commonalty receiving a parcel of land in exchange.

De sessio [sic] *Justic' apud Sanctum Martinum Magnum quod non cedat in prejudicium civitatis etc.*

The King's letters patent to the effect that a commission, nominating William Scot, William de Edyngdone, John Hamond, the Mayor, and William Trussel, senior, to be Justices to inquire into the names of those parties who unlawfully export wool and woolfels and import bad money, shall not be drawn into a precedent or be to the City's prejudice. Witness the King at Marlebergh,[2] 30 March, 18 Edward III. [A.D. 1344].

De sotular' basene vend' pro corio alute.

Tuesday after the Feast of St. Alphege [19 April], 18 Edward III. [A.D. 1344], came William de Grubbelane, John de Crikelee, Peter de Kyngestone, and other wardens of the mistery of Cordwainers, and complained that John de Swalclive sold to a certain tailor a pair of shoes of bazen (*de corio basene*) as being of cordwain (*pro corio allute*),[3] and they declare on oath that the said shoes were made as described. And the aforesaid John says that he sold no shoes to the tailor, but that a servant of his sold the shoes, but whether as being of bazen

[1] In August, 1343, an inquest had been held by men of the various Wards as to certain lanes leading to the Thames (among them being Bretaske Lane) which were alleged to have been unlawfully obstructed. 'Liber Cust.,' ii. 444-53.

[2] Marlborough.

[3] In other words, the shoes were made of an inferior leather manufactured from sheepskin instead of fine leather dressed with alum.

or of cordwain he knows not, and in the presence of the said Wardens he allowed the said tailor to declare on oath what leather he intended to buy, and he said he bought the shoes as being of cordwain. It was adjudged therefore that the said John should pay the Chamberlain 40 pence to the use of the Commonalty this first time. iijs. iiij*a*.

Indenture of covenant that a bond in the sum of £60 entered into by John de Brendewode before William de Poumfreyt, Alderman, and Thomas de Maryns, the Chamberlain, in favour of Thomas Leggy shall be void, on condition that the said Thomas Leggy be allowed quiet possession of certain tenements and rents in the parish of St. Christopher in the Wards of Cornhulle and Bradestrete, without being impleaded for dower of Alice, the wife of the said John. Dated Wednesday after the Feast of the Invention of H. Cross [3 May], 18 Edward III. [A.D. 1344]. Fo. lxxx b. *Int' Thom' Leggy et Joh'em de Brendewode.* *Nil sol. quia Alderm'.*

Saturday after the Feast of the Invention of H. Cross [3 May], 18 Edward III. [A.D. 1344], Thomas Prat, Robert Pykeman, junior, Richard de Kent, John Burdeux, Richard de Lombhethe, junior, and William de Clopham, fishmongers, brought three nets before John Hamond, the Mayor, and the Aldermen at the Guildhall, declaring them to be false, and that they were found in the Thames between Grenewyche and Wollewyche, one of them being the property of John le Ropere, of Grenewyche, another of John Rolf, of the same place, and the third of John le Barber de Erehithe. The said nets being examined by men of the mistery of Fishmongers, sworn before the Mayor, it was found that the three nets called "treinkes"[1] were clearly not of the [lawful] size of mesh, being no more than half an inch at the most.[2] They were therefore adjudged to be burnt. *De retibus combustis.*

Also on the Tuesday following two nets were taken from William Arnald de Grenewyche and William Proudefot de *Combust' rec'.*

[1] Draw or drag-nets (Fr. *treiner*). See 'Cal. Letter-Book A,' p. 187n. Cf. Ordinances for occupiers of "Trynkes" and "Drayshott nettes," *temp.* Hen. VIII. Journal 14, fo. 111.

[2] Whereas the size of the mesh ought to have been 2 inches. See 'Memorials,' p. 215.

Grenewyche and were burnt in Chepe, for that they were found to be false.

Billa pro reparacione vici extra Alegate.

At a congregation of Mayor and Aldermen on Friday the Feast of St. Gregory [12 March], 18 Edward III. [A.D. 1343–4], the following bill was sent to Alexander le Mareschal, Robert Andreu, John le Longe, Simon atte Corner, John le Houder, and John le Bedel by the Mayor to the following effect, viz.: We command and charge you on your allegiance to the lord the King and the City that you take from every cart coming with merchandise, victuals, or other things for sale through the gate of Alegate one penny per week, and from every baker's cart two pence per week, for the repair of the road outside the gate within the franchise for the easement of those coming to and from the City. Dated 10 May, 18 Edward III. [A.D. 1344].

Fo. xxxi.

Br'e pro civibus London mittend' ad Parliament'.

Writ to the Sheriffs for the election of two citizens to attend a Parliament to be held at Westminster on Monday after the octave of H. Trinity [30 May].[1] Witness the King at Westminster, 20 April, 18 Edward III. [A.D. 1344].

Br'e ne quis transiat ad partes exteras.

Writ to the Sheriffs to make proclamation that no one capable of bearing arms quit the kingdom on pain of forfeiture of goods, &c., and to arrest those found making the attempt. Witness the King at Berkhamstede, 10 May, 18 Edward III. [A.D. 1344].

Br'e ad eligend' quadring' sagittar'.

Writ to the Mayor and Sheriffs for providing 400 archers, fully equipped, to assist the King against Philip de Valois, his adversary of France, who had done many things contrary to the truce between them. Witness the King at Berkhamstede, 13 May, 18 Edward III. [A.D. 1344].

Fo. lxxxi b.

Proclamacio facta tempore Joh'is Hamond pro caristia bladi evitanda.

In a congregation of John Hamond, the Mayor, and the Aldermen, on Monday before the Feast of the Ascension [16 May], 18 Edward III. [A.D. 1344], it was ordained and agreed by the said Mayor and Aldermen that the underwritten articles for avoiding dearness of corn should be proclaimed at Billynggesgate, Queenhithe, at the pavement at Neugate and the pavement at Graschirche, viz.:—

[1] The Parliament sat from 7th–28th June. Stubbs, 'Const. Hist.,' ii. 395, note.

That no stranger coming to the City by land or by water sell his corn by sample, but bring and sell it in full market in the places aforesaid.

Item, that no one expose his corn for sale before the time of half Prime at Billynggesgate and Queenhithe, and at Prime on the pavement of Neugate and Graschirche, and that on three days of the week, viz., Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

Item, that no one go to meet corn coming to the City by land or by water to buy it for sale except in the market and at the time above prescribed.

Item, that no blader (*bladarius*) nor any one else buy corn and place it in the hands of the vendor to sell again for the purpose of enhancing the price.

Item, that no inhabitant (*intrinsecus*) nor any one else place their own corn or a sample in the hands of a stranger (*forinseci*) or any one else for the purpose of buying their own corn again from such stranger (*de ipso extraneo*) or other person.

Item, that no meter be a broker or go to any places of the City or suburbs of the same for the purpose of carrying a sample of corn to be sold. And that all persons, as well inhabitants as strangers, observe the articles aforesaid on pain of imprisonment at the discretion of the Mayor and Aldermen.

Item, that no inhabitant nor stranger after the Feast of H. Trinity next ensuing sell at Graschirche or on the pavement at the Friars Minors, nor elsewhere within the liberty of the City, a quarter of malt except by 9 bushels, according to the ancient custom of the City, on pain of forfeiture of the same.

Item, that no beadle nor his servant, nor cleaner of the streets, nor any one else take any portion of the corn exposed for sale at Graschirche or on the pavement at the Grey Friars on pain of imprisonment.

And be it known that the prescribed articles were proclaimed in the prescribed places on the following Tuesday: and the underwritten men from the places aforesaid were sworn the same Tuesday before the aforesaid Mayor and Aldermen to see that the said articles were not infringed, viz.:—

Billynggesgate: Adam Canoun, John de Dunwych.

Queenhithe: Maurice le Ropere, John Reyner.

Graschirche: Nicholas atte Brodegate, Richard Patrik.

The pavement near the Friars Minors: John Burre, John de Enefeld.

Castle Baynard: William de Thorpe, Stephen de Stanford.

In the same congregation the following articles were ordained by the said Mayor and Aldermen, viz.:—

That no one go to meet those who bring victuals or other merchandise by land or by water to the City for sale, to buy and bargain of them before they come to certain places of old time appointed where such things ought to be sold, under penalty of forfeiture of the victuals and other merchandise and imprisonment at the discretion of the Mayor and Aldermen.

Item, that corn coming to the City by land or by water for sale shall come entire to the markets, and there be sold by the same persons that bring it to all folk for their living and sustenance of their hosts, and to bakers for the service of the people.

Item, that no blader nor retail dealer buy corn that has arrived in the City for sale within the markets or without to sell again under penalty aforesaid; but those who wish to be merchants of corn should go and buy it *Opeland*,[1] where they may find a profit, and bring it and sell it in the City as aforesaid, or put it in store (*en Gerner*) if they be free of the City.

Fo. lxxxii.

Billa pro reparacione vici de Holebourne viz: extra pontem ibidem.

In the Husting of London for Pleas of Land held on Monday before the Feast of St. Barnabas [11 June], 18 Edward III. [A.D. 1344], a bill was sent by the Mayor to John de Holebourne, John Tavy,[2] Henry de Hadham, Peter atte Gate, Robert de Cliderhou, and William de Chelchehethe, charging them to take one penny per week from every cart laden with mer-

[1] A common expression for "in the country." See 'Liber Custumarum,' Glossary, *s.v.* "Uplaund."

[2] Probably John Tavy, armourer, who owned a hostel occupied by apprentices (*ubi apprenticii habitare solebant*) in the parish of St. Andrew, Holborn, the apprentices probably being apprentices of law, and the hostel the same as that subsequently known as "Thavies Inn." See his will proved in the Husting of London in 1349. 'Cal. of Wills,' i. 619 (where the editor misread the testator's name as "Tany").

chandise, victuals, &c., entering or departing from the City by Holebourne bridge, and a farthing from every horse so laden, for the repair and maintenance of the highway between the said bridge and the tenement of the Bishop of Ely.[1] Dated at the Guildhall, 7 June, 18 Edward III. [A.D. 1344].

Script' Simonis Faun stokfisshmongere per Steph'm fil' Steph'i de Craye.

Lease by Stephen, son of Stephen de Craye, to Simon Faun, "stokfisshmongere," of a tenement called "le Welhous" in the parish of St. Michael in Crokedelane, situate near the tenements of John Lovekyn and John Gubbe; to hold the same for a term of seven years at an annual rent of 24*s*. Witnesses, John Lovekyn, Adam atte Pole, Henry de Braghyngge, John Gubbe, Hugh de Craye, and others [not named]. Dated Thursday after the Feast of St. Peter in Cathedra [22 Feb.], 18 Edward III. [A.D. 1343–4].

sol. ij*s.* vj*d.*

De sotular' vendit' etc.

Be it remembered that on Wednesday after the Feast of St. Dunstan [19 May], 18 Edward III. [A.D. 1344], eighteen shoes of bazen (*corii basene*) were taken upon Thomas de Chestre, "cordewaner," and because he sold them for cordwain (*pro corio alluti*) contrary to the ordinance thereon made, he is fined, this first time, 40 pence to the use of the Commonalty.

m'ia xl*d.*

Fo. lxxxii b.

A bill preferred before John Hamond, the Mayor, on Wednesday after the Feast of the Invention of H. Cross [3 May], 18 Edward III. [A.D. 1344], by Sir John, the parson of the church of Wylinghale, and William atte Corner, executors of Richard atte Corner their brother, late dyer of London, complaining that whereas the said Richard had devised a portion of his property to Avice his wife and Richard his son, and the said Avice and aforesaid executors had agreed that the property should be valued and divided at the discretion of Master John de Malmesbury, John Tornegold, Richard Pynnore, Thomas May, Reymond de Nichole, Walter de Cherteseye, John Bole, and others [not named], who found that the amount due to the aforesaid Richard the son was £23 9*s.*; the said money remained in the hands of the said Avice without her having given security for the same. They pray therefore that she may be made to do as reason demands.

[1] On the site of Ely Place.

Securitas facta pro denar' Ric'i fil' Ric'i atte Corner in custodia matris sue existent'.

The said Avice was thereupon summoned to appear before the Mayor, Aldermen, and the Chamberlain, and acknowledged that she was in possession of the money, and found sureties, viz., John de Kiselyngbery, draper, and Stephen de Staneford, "diegher."

De custodia filiar' Joh'is Greyland.

Wednesday after the Feast of St. Barnabas [11 June], 18 Edward III. [A.D. 1344], the will of John Greyland proved in the Chamber before John Hamond, the Mayor, Roger de Depham, the Recorder, and the rest of the Aldermen and the Chamberlain, whereby the testator bequeathed money to Agnes, Avice, Matilda, and Johanna his daughters, and appointed Johanna his wife to be their guardian. In case of the death of his wife before his daughters marry, she is to be succeeded in the guardianship by Richard de Evere, ironmonger, and on the death of the said Richard the guardianship to pass to William Chaumberlayn, his late apprentice.

Fo. lxxxiii.

Pursuant to the said will the aforesaid wife came and acknowledged herself guardian of the said children.

Scripta Ade de Kynggestone piscenar' per Ansellum de Quabrigge etc.

Lease by Ansell de Quabrigge and Johanna his wife, widow of Thomas de Berdefeld, to Adam de Kynghestone, fishmonger, of one-third of a certain messuage tenanted by the said Adam in the parish of St. Andrew Huberd near Estchepe, the said third being the dower of the said Johanna in right of her first husband; to hold the same for a term of sixty years or the lifetime of the said Johanna, at an annual rent of 5*s*. John Hamond, Mayor, John Syward and John de Aylesham, Sheriffs, John de Caustone, Alderman of the Ward.[1] Witnesses, Richard de Lamhythe, John Youn, Robert Pykeman, Richard Double, John Leche, Thomas de Merewode, clerk, and others [not named]. Dated Friday after the Feast of SS. Peter and Paul [29 June], 18 Edward III. [A.D. 1344].

sol. ij*s.* vj*d.*

Acknowledged before Richard de Berkynge, Alderman, and Thomas de Maryns, the Chamberlain.

Quitclaim by the same to the same of the rent reserved in the above lease. Witnesses and date as above.

[1] Billingsgate.

Fo. lxxxiii b.

Br'e pro militibus faciend'.

Writ to the Sheriffs to make proclamation that all persons holding £40 a year in land or rents for three whole years who had not become knights, take up the order before the Feast of St. Laurence [10 Aug.] next, or on that Feast at the latest, and after due inquiry to make a return of the names of such persons to the Chancery. Witness the King at Westminster, 30 June, 18 Edward III. [A.D. 1344].

Returnum.

Return to the above to the effect that inquiry had been made on the oath of good men of the Sheriffs' bailiwick as to those liable to knighthood, and it had been found that all tenements and rents in the City are held of the lord the King (*in capite*) as free burgage at a fee ferm, nor was there any one who had £40 a year in land or rents for certain, inasmuch as tenements in the City were let sometimes for more and sometimes for less, and frequently stood empty, and were not let, and were often in want of repair. For these reasons and because of fires and other dangers arising to houses no certain value of them could be ascertained. As to lands and rents owned by citizens elsewhere without their bailiwick the jurors say they can obtain no information as to their yearly value.[1]

Br'e de errore corrigendo.

Writ to the Mayor and Sheriffs to bring up the record of proceedings in the Husting between Henry Darcy and Margery his wife and John Rokel touching a certain messuage before Richard de Wylughby,[2] Roger Hillary, and William de Shareshull,[3] Justices appointed by the King to hear the matter in error. Witness the King at Westminster, 12 May, 18 Edward III. [A.D. 1344].

[1] This return is recorded as having been made to a different writ from the above, and appears to have served as a return to both writs. A similar return was made in 1356. Letter-Book G, fos. li, li b.

[2] He had been deposed from the judicial bench with others on the King's sudden return to England in November, 1340. Murimuth, 'Cont. Chron.' (Rolls Series, No. 93), p. 117.

[3] Had suffered the same punishment as Wylughby in 1340. *Id. ibid.*

Fo. lxxxiv.

L'ra d'ni Ric'i de Wylughby et Soc' suor' Justic' directa Maiori et vic' pro recordo et processu int' Henr' Darci et Margeriam ux'm eius et Joh'em Rokel h'end' apud Sc'm Martinum magnum h'end'.

Precept of the above Justices to the Mayor and Sheriffs reciting the King's letters patent appointing them to hear the above matter in error at the church of St. Martin le Grand, and summoning the said Mayor and Sheriffs to appear before them on Sunday before the Feast of St. Kenelm [17 July] next ensuing. Dated at Westminster, Wednesday the Feast of Translation of St. Thomas the Martyr [7 July], 18 Edward III. [A.D. 1344].

Another precept to the same for their appearance on Tuesday after the octave of St. Michael.

Return made to the same effect as *supra*, p. 90.

Return by the Sheriffs that they had notified Henry Darci and Margery his wife, by Robert de Cauntebregge and Henry atte Boure, to appear on the day named.

Fo. lxxxiv b.

Br'e pro hominibus ad arma et hobelar' habend'.

The King's writ to the Mayor and Sheriffs to furnish 100 men-at-arms and 200 hoblers equipped according to the manner prescribed by the Statute of Winchester, and to send them to Portesmuthe by the quinzaine of the Nativity B. M. [8 Sept.] next ensuing. Witness the King at Westminster, 28 June, 18 Edward III. [A.D. 1344].

Writ to the Sheriffs to hasten the levy of 400 archers, previously ordered, and send them to Portesmuthe as the King was about to cross the sea. Witness the King at Westminster, 28 June, 18 Edward III. [A.D. 1344].

Fo. lxxxv.

Br'e ad distring' Maiorem et communitatem.

Writ *pluries* to the Sheriffs to distrain the lands and chattels of the Mayor and Commonalty and have their bodies before the King's Justices at Westminster in the quinzaine of St. Michael to answer William Scot and Robert de Elnestede, executors of Robert de Bardelby, clerk, in a plea for the restoration of a sum of £30 unjustly detained. Witness J[ohn] de Stonore[1] at Westminster, 6 July, 18 Edward III. [A.D. 1344].

[1] Chief Justice of the Common Pleas. Removed from office on the King's sudden return to England in November, 1340.

Writ to the Sheriffs to make proclamation of the abolition of Commissions appointed to assay weights and measures, inasmuch as complaint had been made of extortions committed by the Commissioners. Witness the King at Westminster, 12 July, 18 Edward III. [A.D. 1344].

Peticio civitat' quod mensura [sic] *et pondera standardo R' non concordanc' conburentur.*[1]

Proclamation for those indicted before Sir Robert Pernyng [*sic*] and his fellows for having unlawfully exported wool and woolfels to appear before the Chancellor and Treasurer for judgment at St. Martin le Grand on the eve of St. James [25 July], and notifying the extension of the King's favour to those outlawed for the same cause. [No date.]

Writ to the Sheriffs to proclaim the abolition of ordinances prescribing limits to the price of wool,[2] which in future might be freely bought and sold at any price agreed upon between vendor and purchaser. Witness the King at Westminster, 15 July, 18 Edward III. [A.D. 1344].

Fo. lxxxv b.

Br'e R' quod omnes mercat' quiscunque[sic] *lanas emere potest* [sic].

Lease by Henry de Purlee, Master of the Hospital of St. James at Cherrynge, near Westminster, and brethren and sisters of the same, to Walter atte Conduyt, vintner, of a certain tenement in Bredstrete, parish of All Hallows, for a term of forty years at an annual rent of 4 pence of silver. Witnesses, John de Tiffeld, John de Hyntone, John Fichet, John Lightfote, Thomas de Oxonia, John de Estchepe, and many others [not named]. Dated Saturday the eve of Easter [4 April], A.D. 1344.

sol. ij*s.* vj*d.*

Acknowledged before John de Northhalle, Alderman, and Thomas de Maryns, the Chamberlain, on Friday after the Feast of St. James [25 July], 18 Edward III. [A.D. 1344].

Writ to the Sheriffs to proclaim the new currency, viz., a gold piece of the value of 6*s.* 8*d.* sterling to be called the gold noble, a gold piece of the value of 40 pence sterling to be called the "Maille noble,"[3] and a third piece of the value of 20 pence sterling to be called the "Ferlinge noble."[4] Dated at Westminster, 9 July, 18 Edward III. [A.D. 1344].[5]

Fo. lxxxvi.

Br'e d'ni Regis pro moneta auri currenda in regno.

[1] This note is misleading.

[2] By stat. 18 Edw. III. Stat. 2, cap. 3.

[3] Or half-noble.

[4] Or quarter-noble.

[5] Rymer, 'Fœdera,' vol. iii. pt. i. p. 16.

Fo. lxxxvi b.

Statute passed in the Parliament held at Westminster on Monday next after the octave of H. Trinity [30 May], 18 Edward III. [A.D. 1344],[1] granting to the King two fifteenths by the commonalty, and two tenths by cities and boroughs, to be paid in two years in aid of the wars with France and Scotland, &c.[2]

Fo. lxxxvii.

Br'e quod aque in quibus salmones capiuntur sint indefenso [sic].

Letters patent appointing Walter de Chesthunte, William de Langeford, Simon de Swanlond, John de Cherletone, and Henry de Frowyk, to be commissioners for the protection of salmon and salmon-fry in the Thames in the counties of Middlesex and Surrey. Witness the King at Westminster, 18 June, 18 Edward III. [A.D. 1344].

Fo. lxxxvii b.

Br'e ad inquirend' de cleyis et pilis in aqua Thamisie fixis.

Letters patent appointing Roger Hillary, Walter de Chesthunte, William de Langeford, John de Bray, and Roger de Louthe, to be commissioners for the removal of piles, hurdles (*cleyas*), and other engines from the waters of the Thames, so as to afford a free passage to vessels carrying victuals and other merchandise between the vill of Westminster and the bridge of Stanes. Witness the King at Westminster, 24 June, 18 Edward III. [A.D. 1344].

Fo. lxxxviii.

Articuli Zonarior' London'.

Saturday after the Feast of the Translation of St. Thomas the Martyr [7 July], 18 Edward III. [A.D. 1344], Richard Wayte, Gilbert Broune, John Styward, Walter Waleys, and John Colewell, sworn before John Hamond, the Mayor, and the Aldermen, to keep the articles underwritten touching the craft (*officium*) of Girdlers.[3]

Fo. lxxxviii b.

Carta Zonariorum.

Letters patent confirming certain ordinances touching the craft (*mestier*) of Girdlers of London. Dated at Westminster, 10 March, 1 Edward III. [A.D. 1326–7].

[Fo. lxxxix *blank*.]

Fo. lxxxix b.

Script' Thome Leggy per Magistrum Hospital' Sc'i Jacobi.

Grant by Henry de Purlee, Master and Warden of the Hospital of St. James at Cherrynge, near Westminster, and brethren and sisters of the same, to Thomas Leggy, Alderman, of an annual quitrent of 20*s*. charged on the tenements of

[1] Sat from the 7th to the 28th June.

[2] Printed in 'Statutes at Large' (ed. 1758), vol. i. pp. 253-5.

[3] The articles set out in 'Memorials,' pp. 216, 217.

Roger de Horsham in the parish of St. Christopher, formerly belonging to Walter de Evere; to hold the same for a term of fifty years for a pound of cummin at Martinmas. Dated Wednesday the eve of the Nativity St. John Bapt. [24 June], A.D. 1344.

Obligacio facta eidem Thome per eundem magr'm.

Acknowledgment by the same of the receipt of the sum of £10 of silver for their common use from the above Thomas Leggy, and covenant to repay the same at Christmas next. Dated Monday after the Feast of the Translation of St. Thomas the Martyr of Canterbury [7 July], 18 Edward III. [A.D. 1344].

Adnullacio de'e obligacionis.

Deed of covenant by the above Thomas Leggy that the above covenant to repay the said sum of £10 shall be void if the said Thomas be allowed peaceable enjoyment of a yearly quitrent of 20*s.* charged on tenements belonging to Roger de Horsham in the parish of St. Christopher for a term of fifty years. Dated Thursday after the Feast of Translation of St. Thomas the Martyr of Canterbury [7 July], A.D. 1344.

Fo. xc.

Bona legata pueris Thome Bonet.

Friday after the Feast of St. James, Ap. [25 July], 18 Edward III. [A.D. 1344], came John Bonet and Walter his brother, woodmongers, before John de Northhalle, Alderman, and Thomas de Maryns, the Chamberlain, and acknowledged the receipt of 100*s.* from William Brian and Thomas, son of Cristina Telmestere,[1] executors of the said Cristina, bequeathed by her to Thomas, son of Thomas Bonet; also a like sum bequeathed to William, brother of the said Thomas, son of Thomas; also 40*s.* bequeathed to John their brother.

De moneta auri vocata la Noble.

Writ to the Sheriffs to make proclamation that no one need accept coins representing respectively in value 6*s.*, 3*s.*, and 1*s.* 6*d.* against his will, now that new coins representing respectively 6*s.* 8*d.*, 40*d.*, and 20*d.* were current. Dated at Westminster, 20 Aug., 18 Edward III. [A.D. 1344].[2]

[1] The will of Cristina "la" Telmestere was proved and enrolled in the Husting in November, 1343 ('Cal. of Wills,' i. 469). She is there described as late wife of Walter de Heston, and as having four sons, viz., Nicholas, John, Simon, and Thomas, and a daughter named Katherine. The daughter became the wife of Richard atte More de Wyndesore, called "de Staneford." *Vide infra*, fo. cxlii.

[2] Rymer, 'Fœdera,' vol. iii. pt. i. p. 21.

Fo. xc b.

Articuli Cultellar'.

Be it remembered that on Friday after the Feast of the Decollation of St. John Bapt. [29 Aug.], 18 Edward III. [A.D. 1344], the underwritten articles [of the Cutlers] were read before John Hamond, the Mayor, Roger de Depham, John de Caustone, and other Aldermen [not named], and being found suitable were accepted and entered in these words.[1]

Thereupon Geoffrey de Gedelestone, Richard Baldewyn, John de Trillowe, John de Lauvare, Richard de Toppesfeld, John de Flete, John de Gaunt, John atte Watre, and John atte Watre, junior, were elected to supervise and keep the articles aforesaid.

Inasmuch as all the aforesaid wardens of the articles aforesaid were dead,[2] there were elected on Friday before the Feast of St. Martin [11 Nov.], 23 Edward III. [A.D. 1349], in their place, by men of the said mistery, John de Hertelpol, Robert Godwyn, William de Spaldyng, John de Haukeshale, John Porre, and Simon atte Nax, to keep the said articles.

Fo. xci.

Eleccio abrocar' Wysde.

The same day and year [viz., Friday after the Feast of the Decollation of St. John Bapt., 18 Edward III.] Gilbert le Pipere, "dieghere," was elected a broker of woad by merchants of woad and good men of the Dyers, and was sworn to act justly in his duty towards vendors and buyers.

Scriptum int' Thom' fil' Thom' Hauteyn et Joh'em Levelyf et Will'm de Holbeche.

Lease by Thomas, son of Thomas Hauteyn, late pepperer, to John Levelyf and William de Holebeche, drapers, of a certain tenement held by Stephen de Suttone, vintner, in the parish of St. Benedict Shorhog, for a term of twelve years at an annual rent of 10 marks. Witnesses, Roger Carpenter, Thomas de Holebeche, John de Cogeshall, Nicholas Guillem, Richard "Moneye cook" (*Moneye Coco*[3]), and others [not named]. Dated Monday after the Feast of the Translation of St. Thomas the Martyr [7 July], 18 Edward III. [A.D. 1344].

sol. ijs. vj*d.*

[1] The articles are set out in 'Memorials,' pp. 217-219.

[2] Having fallen victims, probably, to the Black Death of 1349, as suggested by the editor of the 'Memorials.'

[3] Cf. Mounkuc, Mounkuch, &c., 'Cal. Letter-Book B,' pp. 59, 60, 64, 65, 118; 'Cal. Letter-Book C,' pp. 65, 115.

Friday after the Feast of St. Michael [29 September], 18 Edward III. [A.D. 1344], certain inspectors of unlawful nets used in the Thames between Yenlete and Stanes appointed.

Fo. xci b.

Jur' pro scrutinio retium in aqua Thamisie faciendo.

Afterwards, viz., on Wednesday in the quinzaine of St. Michael, the same year, certain nets brought to the Guildhall by inspectors, and those found to be of unlawful size adjudged to be burnt.[1]

De retibus combustis.

Writ to the Sheriffs to make proclamation that none leave the realm with arms without the King's licence. Witness the King at Westminster, 15 Oct., 18 Edward III. [A.D. 1344].[2]

Quod nullus homo ad arma transeat extra regnum ad partes exteras sine licencia Reg'.

Writ to the Mayor and Sheriffs to make proclamation against any attacks being made upon foreign clothworkers, who had taken up their residence in England in consequence of the protection offered them by the Parliament which sat at Westminster, anno 11 Edward III.[3] Witness the King at Westminster, 12 Oct., 18 Edward III. [A.D. 1344].[4]

Fo. xcii.

Br'e pro operariis pannor' de partibus extraneis.

Writ to John Hamond, the Mayor, that he admit to office Thomas de Colle, to whom the King had transferred the lesser portion of the seal for recognizances of debts under the Statute Merchant,[5] formerly in the hands of William de Carletone. Dated at Westminster, 18 Oct., 18 Edward III. [A.D. 1344].

Br'e ad admittend' Thomam de Colle in offic' custod' minoris pecii sigilli R'.

Wednesday the eve of SS. Simon and Jude [28 Oct.], 18 Edward III. [A.D. 1344], certain nets called "draynet," "codnet," and "kydel," condemned on the oath of Richard de Lambhethe, Adam de Kyngestone, John de Croydone, Henry Graspays, John Tornegold, and Henry Brenge, fishmongers, as false, and ordered to be burnt near the Stone Cross in the high street of Chepe.[6]

Fo. xcii b.

De retibus combustis.

[1] 'Memorials,' p. 219.

[2] Rymer, 'Fœdera,' vol. iii. pt. i. p. 24.

[3] By stat. 11 Edw. III. cap. v. See 'Cal. Letter-Book E,' p. 303.

[4] Rymer, 'Fœdera,' vol. iii. pt. i. p. 23.

[5] The statute of Acton Burnel (11 Edw. I.). As to the seal here mentioned, see 'Cal. Letter-Book A,' p. 79, note.

[6] 'Memorials,' p. 220.

Acquietanc' Ric'i Coleman per Petr' de Pakenham.

A general release by Peter de Pakenham, vintner, to Richard Coleman of Little Abyton,[1] clerk. Dated 10 Nov., 18 Edward III. [A.D. 1344].

Acknowledged before Richard de Rothynge, Alderman, and Thomas de Maryns, the Chamberlain, on Monday after the Feast of St. Martin [11 Nov.], the same year.

Acquietanc' Simonis Turgys per Joh'em fil' Joh'is Vincent.

sol. js. vj*d.*

A general release by John, son of John Vincent, late weigher of wool at "le Wollewharf," to Simon Turgys, for all property coming to him by bequest of his said father, &c. Dated Tuesday the Feast of St. Clement [23 Nov.], 18 Edward III. [A.D. 1344]. Witnesses, William Cros, Richard de Swyneford, Alexander Manshipe, John le Hurer, William Chaundeler, and others [not named].

Acknowledged in full Husting for Pleas of Land held on Monday after the Feast of St. Edmund the King [20 Nov.], before John Hamond, the Mayor, Andrew Aubrey, Roger de Depham, John de Caustone, John de Mockynge, William de Thorneye, Aldermen.

De vij marcis ad op' Joh'ne fil' Roberti le Forester.

Friday after the octave of St. Michael [29 Sept.], 18 Edward III. [A.D. 1344], came Richard de Flete and Simon le Goldbetere before Thomas de Maryns, the Chamberlain, and acknowledged they had received a sum of money from John de Chaumpayne and Thomas le Gildere, executors of Robert le Forester, to be paid to Johanna, daughter of the said Robert, at Michaelmas, A.D. 1347, which they bind themselves to do.

Afterwards the said Johanna came before John de Caustone, Alderman, and the aforesaid Chamberlain and acknowledged the receipt of the money.

Fo. xciii.

Script' Joh'is de Stodeye per Aliciam que fuit ux' Will'i atte Bruge de Northlambhuthe.

sol. ijs. vj*d.*

Lease by Alice, widow of William atte Bruge de Northlambhuthe, to John de Stodeye, vintner, of a tenement called "Wynchestre Selde"[2] in the parish of All Hallows the Great for a term of twenty years from the Feast of the Nativity St. John Bapt. [24 June], A.D. 1347, at an annual rent of 60*s.* Witnesses, Henry Palmere, John Fynche, Henry Vannere, John Hardel, John de Fortone, and others [not named]. Dated 20 Oct., 18 Edward III. [A.D. 1344].

[1] Little Abington, co. Cambr. | [2] See 'Cal. Letter-Book C,' p. 163n.

Acknowledged before William de Pounfreyt, Alderman, and Thomas de Maryns, the Chamberlain, Saturday after the Feast of St. Martin [11 Nov.], 18 Edward III. [A.D. 1344].

Script' Thome de Maryns per Ferrandum Mangeoun et Margeriam ux'm ejus.

Lease by Ferrand Mangeoun, citizen of London, and Margery his wife, late wife of John Fot, vintner, to Thomas de Maryns, citizen and apothecary, of certain tenements devised to the said Margery by her former husband[1] for life, and situate in "Spitellane"[2] in the parish of St. Martin in the Vintry, which tenements formerly belonged to Hugh le Benere, vintner; to hold the same for a term of three years. Dated Wednesday the Feast of St. Michael [29 Sept.], 18 Edward III. [A.D. 1344].

Acknowledged before William de Caustone, Alderman, the Saturday aforesaid.

Fo. xciii b.

De parva balancia de novo constructa et de modo ponderandi.

Thursday the morrow of the Nativity B. M. [8 Sept.], 18 Edward III. [A.D. 1344], it was ordained by John Hamond, the Mayor, and the Aldermen, with the assent of the more discreet and wealthier men of the mistery of Mercery, that the Small Balance be remade (*de novo fabricetur*) with new weights appertaining to the same Small Balance, for the common benefit as well of buyers as of sellers, and that the tongue of the beam (*lingua statere*) of the same balance be pierced through in the middle of the said tongue of the beam. So that when the article for sale is placed in one end of the said balance and the weight appertaining to the said balance in the other end of the same, the top of the tongue of the beam of the said balance shall stand up direct and equally under the cleft (*sub cloffo*) of the said balance, declining neither towards the thing to be sold nor to the weight of the said balance; but the top of the tongue of the said beam, as aforesaid, shall stand even (*in equali*) without any declining towards either extremity of the

[1] The will of John Fot proved and enrolled in the Husting in May, 1340. See 'Cal. of Wills,' i. 438.

[2] "Next is Spittle lane, of old time so called, since Stodie's lane, of the owner thereof named Stodie. Sir John Stodie, vintner, mayor in the year 1357, gave it with all the quadrant wherein Vintners' Hall now standeth, with the tenements round about, unto the Vintners." Stow, 'Survey' (Thoms's ed., 1876), p. 90.

said balance, lest buyers or sellers of articles of commerce weighed by the said Small Balance be in any way deceived by the keeper of the said Small Balance.[1]

It was also ordained the same Thursday that the weight of a pound of silk should contain only 20 ounces. And the same day the office of the said Small Balance was granted by the said Mayor and Aldermen, with the assent of the said good men of the mistery of Mercery, to Thomas de Depham, who was sworn to exercise the said office well and faithfully so long as he remained therein.

Fo. xciv.

Script' Galfr'i de Forde clerici per Rad'm de Northholme et ux'm ejus.

sol. ij*s.* vj*d.*

Lease by Ralph de Northholme, tailor, and Margaret his wife, to Geoffrey de Forde, clerk, of a tenement formerly belonging to William de Shenefeld at Holebournebrege, and situate near the tenement of Isabella le Brewestere; to hold the same for a term of ten years. Witnesses, John Neuport, John de Flaundene, Richard le Clerk, Richard Dymenel, William Bolour, and others [not named]. Dated Friday after the Feast of St. Katherine [25 Nov.], 18 Edward III. [A.D. 1344].

Acknowledged before Thomas Legy, Alderman, and Thomas de Maryns, the Chamberlain, Monday after the Epiphany [6 Jan.], 18 Edward III. [A.D. 1344–5].

Script' Rob'ti de Clare dicti de Manhale per Maior' Alderm' et communitatem.

Quitclaim by John Hamond, the Mayor, the Aldermen, and the rest of the citizens to Robert de Clare, called "de Manhale," "chaundeler," of a plot of land and buildings devised to him

[1] It is not quite clear whether this ordinance introduced a newly constructed weighing machine and a new method of weighing by the Small Balance, as has been suggested (see Mr. Kingdon's remarks on the subject in his work 'Richard Grafton, Citizen and Grocer,' pp. 128-9), or whether it merely inculcated the practice of weighing fairly and evenly, as already ordained in 1309. See 'Cal. Letter-Book D,' pp. 209-10. A similar ordinance is recorded *circa* 1362 with reference to all *avoirs de poys* and other goods sold by weight, viz.: *Qe toute manere avoir' de poys si bien espiceries, counfiteurs et soie come toutes maners autres marchaundises qeux serount venduz par poys soient poisez par pois acordant aldit estandard* (*i.e.*, of the Exchequer) *et par balance issint qe la lannge de la balannce soit owel saunz encliner alune partie oue al autre.* Letter-Book G, fo. c. The novelty (if any) introduced in 1344 appears to be the tongue of the balance playing freely within a cleft in order to secure greater accuracy and new weights.

by will[1] of John de Oxon', late Rector of the church of St. Peter de Cornhulle, such quitclaim to take effect on payment of a yearly rent of 3*s.* 4*d.* Dated Friday after the Feast of St. Michael [29 Sept.], 18 Edward III. [A.D. 1344].

Fo. xciv b.

Carta Rog'i de Depham per Maiorem Alderm' et communitatem.

Grant by the same to Roger de Depham of a parcel of land in St. Vedast Lane near the church of St. Leonard at an annual rent of 2*s.* Dated Monday after the Epiphany [6 Jan.], 18 Edward III. [A.D. 1344–5].

Custodia Kat'ine fil' Walt'i fil' Hug' fil' Will'i Edmund.

Wednesday before the Feast of St. Katherine [25 Nov.], 18 Edward III. [A.D. 1344], the guardianship of Katherine, daughter of Walter, son of Hugh, son of William Edmund, "pessoner," aged ten years, and of her property committed by John Hamond, the Mayor, Roger de Depham, and the rest of the Aldermen and the Chamberlain to Henry de Salle and Johanna his wife, aunt to the said Katherine. Sureties, viz., Nicholas Madefrey, fishmonger, William Sendal, William de Waltham, cordwainer, and Adam de Skiptone, "hornere."

Eleccio Ballivi [sic] *Telar'.*

Friday the morrow of SS. Fabian and Sebastian [20 Jan.], Richard de Horewode and Simon le Keu elected Bailiffs of the Weavers, and John Bataylle Serjeant of the said Weavers, by good men of the said mistery, and sworn in the presence of John Hamond, the Mayor, and the Aldermen.

Fos. xcv–xcv b.

Indentur' pro duab' cantar' inve'iend' per Priorissam et Convent' eccl'ie Se'e Elene London' pro Walt'o de Blecchyngeleye.

Deed by Elyanore de Wyncestre, Prioress of the church of St. Helen, London, and Convent of the same, covenanting to found a chantry in the respective churches of St. Mary le Bow and St. Helen for the souls of Walter Dieuboneye de Blecchyngleye, "furmager," of William and Mabel, his father and mother, in manner as set out. Rent charges of half a mark granted to the Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's and to the Chamber of the Guildhall respectively. Dated in full Chapter of the church of St. Helen, Friday after the Feast of SS. Peter and Paul [29 June], 18 Edward III., A.D. 1344.[2]

[1] See 'Cal. of Wills, Court of Husting,' i. 445.

[2] In the 'Calendar of St. Paul's Archives' (Appendix Ninth Report Hist. MSS. Com., p. 57 b) the year is given as 17 Edward III., A.D. 1343.

De collectorib' custume vic' iur'.

Friday after the Feast of the Purification B. M. [2 Feb. 19 Edward III. [A.D. 1344–5], Hugh le Chaundeler, collector of custom at Bisshopesgate, Roger de Tynnewelle, collector at the Bar of Smethefeld, William de Enefeld, collector at the Bridge of Holbourn, John Barbour, collector at Ludgate, William Chaundeler, collector at Crepelgate, and William Chaundeler, collector at Aldresgate, summoned before John Hamond, the Mayor, and the Aldermen, and sworn to take only the custom due and not commit extortion.

Fo. xcvi.

Br'e de recuperacione habenda de rob'iis et feloniis fact' in diversis com' et hundr'.

Writ to the Sheriffs for proclamation to be made of the King's orders for the better putting down of felonies and for carrying into execution the article of the Statute of Winchester touching the pursuit and arrest of felons throughout the country. Dated at Westminster, 23 Jan., 18 Edward III. [A.D. 1344–5].

Proclamation made on Sunday before the Feast of Purification B. M. [2 Feb.].

De retibus combustis.

Wednesday the morrow of St. Peter in Cathedra [22 Feb.], 19 Edward III. [A.D. 1344–5], six nets taken by William Bright upon John de Stokflet and John Wygayn were found to be false on the oath of Simon de Turnham, William Trige, Walter Olyver, and William Olyver, fishmongers, and were ordered to be burnt, and the owners committed to prison *quousque etc.*

Prisone.

Fo. xcvi b.

De cantar' per Will'm de Langeford ordinata et de eadem cantar' presentanda per Maiorem vel custodem civitat'.

Deed of covenant by Philip de Thame, Prior of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem, and brethren of the same to establish a chantry in the church of St. John de Clerkenewell for the benefit of William de Langeford,[1] under the supervision of the Mayor and Commonalty, to whom the said William had granted an annual charge of half a mark on certain tenements which he had by grant of John de Oxenford, situate between West-

[1] His will, proved and enrolled in the Court of Husting, strangely enough bears date 11 Oct., 1346. 'Cal. of Wills,' i. 489-90. A portion of the manor of the "New Temple" had been leased to him on the fall of the younger Despenser in 1333 by the King; and Philip de Thame, the Prior of the Knights Hospitallers of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, to whom the manor of the Templars had been granted on the abolition of the latter order, had experienced considerable difficulty in reducing the property into possession. See 'Pleas and Memoranda,' Roll A 22, membr. 5.

smethefeld and Cockeslane, in the parish of St. Sepulchre. Witnesses, Nicholas de Hales, Prior of the aforesaid church, Brothers William Brix, Ralph Basset, John de Byndesbroke, Robert Cort, Robert de Somerdeby, John Larcher, and others, brethren and seculars in the Chapter. Dated in the Chapter at Clerkenwell Tuesday after the Feast of St. Barnabas [11 June], 10 Edward III. [A.D. 1336].

Presentation by John Hamond, the Mayor, of Henry de Hoptone to the above chantry. Dated at the Guildhall, 14 Feb., 19 Edward III. [A.D. 1344–5]. Fo. xcvii. *Presentatio cantarie predicte per Maiorem.*

Letters patent by Nicholas de Hales, Prior of the Hospital of St. John Baptist of Clerkenwell, of induction of the above Henry de Hoptone into the above chantry. Dated at Clerkenwell, 18 Feb., A.D. 1344[–5]. *Inductio capell'i ad cantar' predictam.*

Writ to the Sheriffs to make proclamation against shipping wool, woolfels, and leather in any except the ports prescribed. Witness the King at Westminster, 10 Feb., 19 Edward III. [A.D. 1344–5]. *Br'e d'ni Reg quod lane pelles coria non carcentur.*

Proclamation made on Tuesday the Feast of St. Peter in Cathedra [22 Feb.].

Grant by William de Fulham, fishmonger, and Alice his wife, to William Chapeler, cook, and Athelina his wife, of an annual rent of £4 issuing from a brewery and shops held by Avice atte Holte in the parish of St. Michael on Cornhulle at the corner of Bercherverlane, to enjoy the same for a term of seven years; also an agreement that a certain bond in the sum of £40 entered into by the said William de Fulham in favour of the said William Chapeler shall be void on payment at the end of the above term of the sum of £25 to the said William and Athelina. Witnesses, John de Brendwode, Richard de Farneburgh, Gilbert de Brauncestre, Robert de Manhale, Thomas le Chaundeler, and others [not named]. Dated Saturday the Feast of St. Gregory [12 March], 19 Edward III. [A.D. 1344–5]. Fo. xcvii b. *sol.* ij*s.* vj*d.*

Acknowledged before William de Poumfreyt, Alderman, and Thomas de Maryns, the Chamberlain, Friday before [*sic*] the Feast of St. Gregory [12 March].

Fo. xcviii.

De sotular' 'als'.

m'ia ij*s.* xj*d.*

Saturday the Feast of St. Gregory [12 March], 19 Edward III. [A.D. 1344–5], a pair of shoes of cordwain mixed with basen found upon John Joy, cordwainer, by Gregory de Rameseye and his fellows. The said John fined for the first time 40*d.*, whereof 5*d.* given to the valet who bought the shoes of the said John.

Writ to the Sheriffs for proclamation to be made against inflicting injury upon the subjects of the King of Spain and other friends of England. Witness the King at Westminster, 10 March, 19 Edward III. [A.D. 1344–5].[1]

Proclamation made accordingly, Monday after the Feast of St. Gregory [12 March].

Fo. xcviii b.

Writ to the same to make proclamation that no one leave the kingdom for foreign parts except from the port of Dover unless they be merchants travelling with their merchandise. Witness the King at Westminster, 10 March, 19 Edward III. [A.D. 1344–5].[2]

Proclamation made accordingly, Monday after the Feast of St. Gregory [12 March].

Commissio Robt'ti Flambard pro navibus in aqua Tamisie arestand'.

Writ of Privy Seal commissioning Robert Flambard, the King's Serjeant-at-arms, to seize all vessels, barges, &c., in the Thames found to be seaworthy for the King's service until it should be decided whether the navy of the City of London and of the river Thames belonged to the jurisdiction of the Admiral of the West or the Admiral of the North. Witness the King at Wyndesore, 20 March, 19 Edward III. [A.D. 1344–5].

De custodia xv marc' legat' Isabelle fil' Patricii fitz Thom'.

Be it remembered that Patrick Fitz-Thomas left by will the sum of 15 marks to William and Isabella his children, the money to be placed in the hands of Thomas de Cavendisshe for their use. Afterwards the said Thomas came before Thomas de Maryns, the Chamberlain, and testified that the said William had died, and the said sum of 15 marks was entrusted to Thomas de Cauntebregge, goldsmith, for the use of the aforesaid Isabella, on Saturday the Feast of St. Gregory

[1] Rymer, 'Fœdera,' vol. iii. pt. i. p. 33.

[2] *Id. ibid.*, p. 32.

[12 March], 19 Edward III. [A.D. 1344-5], in the presence of William de Poumfreyt, Alderman, and Thomas de Maryns, the Chamberlain.

Fo. xcix.

Br'e ad eligend' c et sexaginta sagittar'.

Writ to the Mayor and Sheriffs for furnishing the King with 160 archers fully equipped, to be sent to Sandwych by the eve of Pentecost. Witness the King at Wyndesore, 20 March, 19 Edward III. [A.D. 1344-5].

Br'e Aldr'is civitatis direct' ad intendend' pro ellecione faciendo.

Writ to the Aldermen to assist the Mayor and Sheriffs in furnishing 100 [*sic*] archers fully equipped, the same to be sent to Sandwych by the eve of Pentecost. Witness the King at Westminster, 21 March, 19 Edward III. [A.D. 1344-5].

Br'e R' pro quater vigint' sagittar'.

Writ to the Mayor and Sheriffs that they furnish 80 archers out of the aforesaid number of 160. Witness the King at Westminster, 8 April, 19 Edward III. [A.D. 1345].[1]

Fo. xcix b.

Br'e Maiori et vic' ad intendend' collectoribus decime et quintedecime.

Writ to the Mayor and Sheriffs that they assist John de Caustone and Richard de Berkynge, who had been commissioned by the King to join William de Pontefract and John de Mockynge, in levying the tenth and the fifteenth granted by the commons of the realm for two years.[2] Witness the King at Westminster, 10 April, 19 Edward III. [A.D. 1345].

Lease by Walter Neel, blader, to William de Thorp, blader, and Margery his wife, of a brewery in the parish of St. Andrew at Castle Baynard, formerly held by William le Whyte of London, "wodemongere"; to hold the same for their lives at an annual rent of 100*s.*, and charged with payments of 10*s.* to the Prior and Convent of St. Bartholomew de Smethefeld, and 3*s.* to the master and brethren of the Hospital of St. Bartholomew de Smethefeld. John Hamond, Mayor, Thomas Legy and Geoffrey Tableter,[3] Sheriffs. Witnesses, John Tornegold, Thomas de Waldene, John Bonet, Robert de Bredone, Thomas le Coo,

[1] The names and other particulars of the archers sent on this occasion are recorded in 'Pleas and Memoranda,' Roll A 5, membr. 27 and 27 dors.

[2] In the Parliament which sat from the 7th to the 28th June, 1344, the Commons made a grant of two-fifteenths from the shires and two-tenths from the towns so as to guarantee a supply for two years. Stubbs, 'Const. Hist.,' ii. 395.

[3] Otherwise Geoffrey Wychingham.

John de Potenhale, John Reyner, and others [not named]. Dated 15 April, 19 Edward III. [A.D. 1345].

Acknowledged before the Chamberlain Monday before the Feast of St. George [23 April].

Fo. c.

Br'e de escambio habendo de moneta.

Writ to the Sheriffs to make proclamation of the appointment of Courard Roirer, Gabriel de Mountemayn, Jakemyn and Matthew Canaceon,[1] Boneface de Gososk, John de Pount, Beneyt de la Keine, and George de Caloce and their fellow-merchants of Diest ("Dast"), as money-changers in the cities of London, York, and Canterbury, giving for the whole gold noble (*pour lentier* [noble] *dor*), which is worth half a mark, 6*s.* 6½*d.*, and for the half (*le maille*) and the quarter (*le ferlyng*) of the said noble according to their value (*al afferaunt*), and if any should wish to buy the said noble of the said changers for sterlings, the changers to receive of him for the said noble 6*s.* 7½*d.*, and for the half and quarter according to value; and further to proclaim that no one act as money-changer except with their consent or by their appointment, and that the said gold money pass as currency, &c. Dated at Westminster, 20 April, 19 Edward III. [A.D. 1345].

Jur' pro custodia cursus aque de Walbrok.

Wednesday before the Feast of St. George [23 April], 19 Edward III. [A.D. 1345], William de Iford, John de Enefeld, John de Westwyk, David de Kyngestone, John atte More, Richard Kisser, John de Thrillowe, William de Bray, and William Tithynglombe sworn to see that the water-course of the Walbrook be not impeded.

Br'e pro quat' viginti sagittar' arraiand'.

Writ to the Mayor and Sheriffs postponing the arrival of the contingent of 80 archers at Sandwych from the eve of Pentecost to the octave of H. Trinity. Witness the King at Westminster, 25 April, 19 Edward III. [A.D. 1345].

Fo. c b.

Custodia Margerie fil' Joh'is de Pelham.

Wednesday the morrow of the Invention of H. Cross [3 May], the guardianship of Margery, daughter of John de Pelham, late cutler, aged ten years, and a tenement outside Ludgate of the gross yearly value of 40*s.*—but charged with

[1] Gabriel de "Monte Magno" and Mattheu "de Canachoen" appear as the King's creditors in 1340. Rymer, 'Fœdera,' vol. ii. pt. ii. p. 1108.

the payment of 8*s*. to John de Rodenhale, Knt., and of 2*s*. to the church of St. Martin within Ludgate—committed to John de Sloughtre by John Hamond, the Mayor, the Aldermen, and the Chamberlain. Sureties, viz., Nicholas le Sporiere, and Adam de Skipton, horner.

Script' Joh'is atte Watre dicti Gamel per Jacobum de Boreford, militem.

Grant by James de Bureford, Knt., to John atte Watere, called "Gamel," son of Gamel atte Watere, of co. Sussex, of a yearly sum of 10 marks, and a fur gown of the value of 20*s*. or the value in lieu thereof, charged on his lands, tenements, and rents in the parishes of St. Thomas the Apostle, All Hallows de Bredstrete, St. Mildred de Bredstrete, and St. Laurence near Candelwykestrete, during the lifetime of the said John. As security for payment of the same the grantor mortgages his estates in Warnham, co. Sussex, and his manor of Stokwell, co. Surrey. John Hamond, Mayor, Thomas Leg[y] and Geoffrey le Tableter,[1] Sheriffs. Witnesses, Sir John de Pulteneye, Knt., Henry Pycard, Simon Hauteyn, John del Barnet, John de Refham, fishmonger, Gilbert Palmere, Walter le Bakere, William Urry, Richard le Vest, of co. Sussex, and others [not named]. Dated Saturday after the Feast of St. Dunstan [19 May], 19 Edward III. [A.D. 1345].

sol. ij*s*. vj*d*.

Fo. ci.

De bonis legatis pueris Rob'ti de Wodeham.

Tuesday after the Feast of St. Dunstan [19 May], 19 Edward III. [A.D. 1345], came Robert le Foundour before Thomas de Maryns, the Chamberlain, and committed the guardianship of Alice senior, daughter of Robert de Wodeham, and her patrimony, to Amy her mother, according to the terms of the will of the said Robert, providing for his daughters named respectively Alice senior and Alice junior, and Geoffrey his son, the last mentioned being committed to the custody of John de Ideshale, saddler. Sureties for the said Robert, viz., Thomas West, girdler, and John de Botesham, saddler.

Fo. ci b.

Abrocar' lanar' electi et jur'.

Monday the morrow of H. Trinity [22 May], 19 Edward III. [A.D. 1345], Robert de Hamme, John de Coule, Henry Beauflour, Thomas de Bray, senior, Roger Godchepe, Thomas Barber, Peter Chate, and Richard le Yonge, elected and sworn brokers of wool.

[1] *Vide supra*, p. 119, note 3.

Br'e q'd homines ad arma et sagittar' se festinant v'sus Portesmouth ad proficiscend' cum d'no comite de Norhamptone.

Writ to the Sheriffs to make proclamation for the contingent of men-at-arms and archers ordered to proceed to Brittany under William de Bohun, Earl of Norhamptone,[1] to proceed to Portesmuthe so as to be there by Monday or Tuesday next. Witness the King at Westminster, 4 June, 19 Edward III. [A.D. 1345].

Proclamation made accordingly, Saturday after the Feast of St. Petronilla [31 May].

Br'e d'ni Reg' pro l marc' debit' d'ne Ph'e Regine de co'itate levand'.

Writ to the Sheriffs to levy the sum of 50 marks on the property of the Commonalty of London as being due to Queen Philippa as Queen's gold from a fine of 500 marks for respite of an *Iter* lately summoned at the Tower, and to pay the same to John de Estone, the Queen's Receiver. Witness W[illiam] de Stowe at Westminster, 27 May, 19 Edward III. [A.D. 1345].

Dimiss' balli'e de Suthwerk.

Thursday the eve of the Nativity St. John Bapt. [24 June], 19 Edward III. [A.D. 1345], the bailiwick of Suthewerk granted to Robert Hamond by the Mayor and Chamberlain, at a rent of £10 10*s*. Sureties for the said Robert, viz., Walter de Mordone, "stokfisshmongere," John Lyoun, "furbour," Thomas atte Vine, woolmonger, and William Palmere, tapicer.

Fo. cii.

At an assembly of the Mayor and Aldermen in the Guildhall on Monday the morrow of H. Trinity [22 May], 19 Edward III. [A.D. 1345], there being present John Hamond, the Mayor, Henry Darci, Andrew Aubrey, Simon Fraunceys, Roger de Depham, Richard Lacer, Walter Turk, John de Northhalle, William de Poumfreyt, Richard de Berkinge, Thomas Leggy, and John Syward, Aldermen, and Geoffrey de Wychingham,[2] Sheriff, Henry Wymond, William de Elsynge, Richard de Lincoln, John de Croydon, John de Enefeld, John de Bedeford, Nicholas atte Marsshe, William de Henhampstede, John de Kelyngworth, Edmund de Hemenhale, Roger de Wodhulle, Roger Carpenter, William de Iford, Henry Fannere, Walter de

[1] By letters patent of the 24th April, 1345, he had been appointed the King's lieutenant in France and the Duchy of Brittany. Rymer, 'Fœdera,' vol. iii. pt. i. p. 37.

[2] Otherwise "le Tableter."

Billyngham, and many other Commoners, the following ordinances[1] were passed, viz.:—

Ordinance prescribing the days and places for Butchers, Poulterers, and Fishmongers, to sell their goods so as to avoid overcrowding the street between the "Stokkes" and the Conduit in Chepe Ward.

Ordinacio de nocumentis amovend' in vico regis int' le Stockes et conduct' viz. de stall' Poletar' Carnificum et Piscenar'

Ordinance prescribing tolls to be exacted from carters carrying timber, coal, stone, chalk, heavy goods (*averia ponderis*[2]) or other wares, to and from the port of Douuegate, and appointing certain carters to cleanse the said port.[3]

Ordinacio pro mundacione port' de Douegate.

Fo. cii b.

Writ to the Sheriffs to make proclamation to the effect that William de Bohun, Earl of Northampton, had set sail for Brittany, and that Henry de Lancaster, Earl of Derby, was about to set out for Gascony, and that all men-at-arms and archers who were to accompany the latter should at once proceed to Suthamptone. Witness the King at Westminster, 11 June, 19 Edward III. [A.D. 1345].

Br'e quod homines ad arma et sagittar' se festinant versus Suthampton' ad proficiscend' cum d'no comite Derb'.

Proclamation made accordingly on Saturday the Feast of St. Barnabas [11 June].

Proclamation made at the Leaden Hall for regulating the sale of poultry, Saturday before Palm Sunday [20 March].[4]

De poltria.

Further regulations for the sale of poultry made at a Congregation of the Mayor and Aldermen on Friday before the Feast of St. George [23 April], 19 Edward III. [A.D. 1345], there being present John Hamond, the Mayor, Henry Darci, Andrew Aubrey, Simon Fraunceys, Roger de Depham, Richard Lacer, William de Caustone, John de Caustone, John de Northhalle, William de Thorneye, William de Poumfreyt, Bartholomew Deumars, Walter Neel, Walter Turk, Thomas Leggy, John de Mockynge, Richard de Berkynge, Walter de Mordone, John Syward, and John de Ayllesham, Aldermen.[5]

De loco vendicionis poletrie.

[1] Proceedings set out in 'Memorials,' pp. 222-24. Cf. 'Pleas and Memoranda,' Roll A 5, mem. 27 dors.

[2] Described by the editor of the 'Memorials' as "fine wares."

[3] Cf. 'Pleas and Memoranda,' Roll A 5, membr. 27 dors.

[4] 'Memorials,' p. 220.

[5] *Id.*, p. 221.

Fo. ciii.

Breve pro pace hominum R' Ispanie proclamand'.

Writ to the Sheriffs for proclamation to be made against inflicting any injury upon subjects of the King of Spain. Witness the King at Sandwych, 22 June, 19 Edward III. [A.D. 1345].

Proclamation made accordingly on Monday after the Nativity St. John Bapt. [24 June].

Billa missa Decano et capitato eccl'ie Sancti Pauli pro cantar' manutenend'.

8 July, 19 Edward III. [A.D. 1345], a letter, under the seal of the Mayoralty, sent to the Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's, complaining of the deficiency of chantry priests to perform the duties of chantries founded by citizens in the City's "Mother Church."[1]

Thursday the Feast of Translation of St. Thomas the Martyr, viz., 7 July, 19 Edward III. [A.D. 1345], the Abbot of St. Alban paid, by the hands of Adam de Wyttenham, a fellow-monk, to Sir Reginald de Cobham, Knt., the sum of 80 marks, which sum Friar John de Arderne, of the Order of St. Augustine, received on Sir Reginald's behalf, and therefor gave an acquittance; but inasmuch as it was not stated in the acquittance that the said sum of 80 marks formed part of a sum of 1,000 marks due by the said Abbot to the said Sir Reginald under a recognizance in the King's Common Bench, the acquittance is here entered at the request of all parties, in the presence of Thomas de Maryns, the Chamberlain, William de Iford, Richard de Waltham, clerk, and others [not named], and the aforesaid Friar John covenants to make a more perfect acquittance to the said Sir Reginald on the latter's return to England.

Fo. ciii b.

De Will'o de Greyngham electo in servientem Camere.

Wednesday before the Translation of St. Thomas the Martyr [7 July], 19 Edward III. [A.D. 1345], William de Greyngham elected and sworn Serjeant of the Chamber at 40*s.* per annum, in the presence of John Hamond, the Mayor, the Aldermen, and Commonalty.

De sotularib' basene vendit' pro corio allute.

Friday before the Feast of St. Margaret [20 July], 19 Edward III. [A.D. 1345], William de Waltham, "cordewaner," Gregory de Rameseye, "cordewaner," and other Wardens of the same mistery, brought shoes of basen taken upon William called "Cokk," "cordewaner," of Fletestrete, which shoes he had sold to a certain stranger as being made of cordwain

[1] 'Memorials,' p. 224.

(*de corio allute*). The said William is therefore, according to the ordinance, in mercy 40*d.*, for which he paid half a noble (*unum obolum de noble*[1]) to the Chamberlain. xl*d.*

Saturday after the Feast of St. Mary Magdalen [22 July], 19 Edward III. [A.D. 1345], meat belonging to Thomas de Caxtone, Robert Andreu, Walter Cobbe, and Gerard Andreu confiscated, because they set up their stalls in the Poultry contrary to the ordinance made by the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty, as appears in the preceding folio.[2] The meat appraised by John Soudan, Henry Soudan, Richard Goldeneghe, John de Kereswelle, and John atte Grene, butchers, sworn for the purpose, the total value being 9*s.* 5*d.*, and sold at that price by Simon Snellynge, Serjeant of the Chamber, to Giles de Westmelle, tailor, and the money delivered to Thomas de Maryns, the Chamberlain, to the use of the Commonalty.[3] *Carnes forisfacte ad opus communitatis.* ix*s.* v*d.*

A general acquittance by John de Navestoke, parson of Wylynghale, co. Essex, and William atte Corner, executors of Richard atte Cornere, to Avice atte Corner, widow and executrix of the said Richard. Dated Friday after the Feast of St. Dunstan [19 May], 19 Edward III. [A.D. 1345]. *Quietaclamancia facta Avicie atte Cornere per Joh'em de Navestoke clericum et Will'm atte Cornere.*

Ordinance for keeping the streets clean. Any one convicted of placing dirt in the streets and lanes to be fined 2*s.* and be forced to remove it. Two assistants to the beadle of a Ward to be appointed where necessary. Fo. civ.

The Oath of the Sheriffs' Clerks[4] (*French*). *Sacr'm clericor' vic'.*

Ye swear that well and truly ye will bear yourselves in your office and justice do to poor as well as rich, citizen and stranger, and all folks according to your discretion and your power, and the franchises and customs of the City of London ye will keep and maintain, and obedient be to the Mayor of the same City for the time being, and good and loyal execution do of the judgments of the Mayor and Aldermen when ye shall be

[1] The noble being worth 80 pence, or 6*s.* 8*d.*

[2] *Vide supra*, fo. cii.

[3] 'Memorials,' p. 226.

[4] Cf. 'Cal. Letter-Book D,' pp. 12, 13.

charged, and the counsel of the City ye will conceal, and good counsel give of all matters touching the said City when ye shall be required, and no writ touching the same franchise will ye return before ye shall have shown it to the Mayor and Aldermen, and they have assented to the return of the said writ, and the things agreed upon for the peace of our lord the King and also for the common profit of the people ye will maintain and keep. So God you help and His saints.

Sacr'm s'vientum.

The Oath of the Serjeants (French).[1]

The Oath of Beadles (French).

Sacr'm Bedellor'.

Ye swear that well and honestly ye shall keep the Ward of which you are "Sergeaunt" and not suffer any man accused of robbery or of evil covin nor woman of evil life to dwell in the same Ward, but ye shall forthwith drive them out, and if ye be unable to do so ye shall certify the Alderman, and if he be unable to do it ye shall forthwith certify the Mayor for the time being; and if any make affray or draw sword or knife or other weapon ye shall certify the Chamberlain of the City, so that he may be able to do by the Serjeants of the Chamber that which is ordained for preserving the peace of our lord the King. And also ye shall return in the Husting and before the Sheriffs and Coroners good and lawful men in Inquests and not poor men nor maintainers of parties, and all other things that appertain to your office to do which are ordained for the King's peace, the quiet of the people, and honesty of the said City ye shall well and truly keep. So God you help, &c.[2]

Fo. civ b.

Charter of liberties granted to the City with the assent of Parliament, whereby the King covenants (*inter alia*) that no market should thenceforth be conceded to any one by him or his heirs within a seven miles radius of the City (*infra septem*

[1] The same as recorded in Letter-Book D ('Cal.,' p. 11), omitting the concluding paragraph added by a different hand.

[2] This form of oath is much shorter than that set out in 'Liber Albus' (i. 313) and in 'Cal. Letter-Book D' (p. 193).

leucas in circuitu civitatis). Dated at Westmin
1 Edward III. [A.D. 1326–7].[1]

(Afterwards, by the same lord the King, ' . is confirmed in the fifteenth year of his reign by letters patent, remaining in possession of the Chamberlain. *Marginal note.*)

New statutes put forth in London, anno 19 Edward III., in amendment of the laws of the City.[2] Fos. cv–cv b.

Saturday after the Feast of St. James [25 July], 19 Edward III. [A.D. 1345], the men of the mistery of *aver de pois* (*mester' averii' ponderis*), Pepperers of Sopereslane, the Ropery, and Chepe, elected John Pyselewe, John Swetyng, and Edmund Bretyn to be brokers in their mistery, and they were sworn, &c. Fo. cvi.

De abrocar' electis.

Saturday after the Feast of St. Mary Magdalen [22 July], 19 Edward III. [A.D. 1345], Philip de Cherde, mason, elected in place of John de Basynge, mason, for assize of nuisances, &c., by John Hamond, the Mayor, and the Aldermen.

De eleccione Ph'i de Cherde cementar' pro assisis noc'.

Saturday after the Feast of St. James [25 July], 19 Edward III. [A.D. 1345], came William de Cantebrege, pheliper,[3] husband of Matilda, late wife of Philip Swift, pheliper, before Thomas Legy, Alderman, and Thomas de Maryns, the Chamberlain, and acknowledged that he had received the sum of 20 marks, to be held in trust for Juliana, daughter of the said Philip.[4] Sureties for the said William, viz., Ralph de Cauntebrege, pheliper, and John Levelif, draper.

Legatum Ph'i Swift de xx marc' Juliane filie sue.

Writ to the Sheriffs to make proclamation as to the appointment of Courard Roirer and fellow-merchants of Diest ("Dast") as the King's money-changers in the cities of London, York, and Canterbury, and of the new currency, viz., the gold noble, its half and quarter, &c. Dated at Suthwyk, 20 July, 19 Edward III. [A.D. 1345].[5] Fo. cvi b.

Br'e d'ni Regis de auro vocato les Nobles solvend' et recipiend' in suo precio etc.

[1] This charter has been confirmed by divers other charters and Acts of Parliament. See 'Act for establishing a Market for the Sale of Cattle in the Parish of Saint Mary, Islington, in the County of Middlesex,' 5 & 6 Will. IV. cap. cxi. sec. xlvi. More than one copy of this charter with the Great Seal appended are preserved among the City's archives.

[2] Set out in 'Lib. Albus,' i. 470-78.

[3] Fripperer.

[4] See the will of Philip Swift, proved and enrolled in the Husting in Feb., 1344. 'Cal. of Wills,' i. 472.

[5] Cf. *supra*, p. 120.

Proclamation made accordingly on Wednesday after the Feast of St. James [25 July].

De fals' sotu-lar'.

Thursday after the Feast of St. Nicholas [6 Dec.], 18 Edward III. [A.D. 1344], certain shoes made of ox-leather mixed with calf-leather found upon John de Waldene, cordwainer, by Peter de Kyngestone and other Wardens of the mistery of Cordwainers. The said John, for this first time, in mercy 40*d.*

xl*d.*

Fo. cvii.

Be it remembered that on Tuesday the morrow of St. Peter ad Vincula [1 Aug.], 19 Edward III. [A.D. 1345], the underwritten articles of the Spurriers were read before John Hamond, the Mayor, Roger de Depham, the Recorder, and the rest of the Aldermen; and as they seemed efficient they were accepted and enrolled as follows.[1]

Thereupon the following were sworn to keep the same and to make scrutiny, viz., Nicholas le Sporiere, William de Passefeld,[2] John de Cosselee,[2] William Debeloun, Robert Mortimer, Robert Spenser, Ralph Nede, Thomas atte Crouche, Adam de Yeveneye,[2] Richard de Refham,[2] Robert Bray,[2] John Dolwyche, John Dene, Roger Stoke.

Fo. cvii b.

Ordinacio aque Conduct'.

At the Husting for Pleas of Land held on Monday before the Feast of St. Margaret [20 July], 19 Edward III. [A.D. 1345], it was ordained by the Mayor and Aldermen, with the assent of the Commonalty, that no brewer should use the water of the Conduit for his business, on pain of losing his tankard or tyne and 40*d.* for the first offence, half a mark for the second and his tankard or tyne, and 10*s.* for the third, and, moreover, of being committed to prison at the discretion of the Mayor and Aldermen. At the same Husting it was agreed that fishmongers washing their fish at "les Stokkes" should incur the same penalty.[3]

Scriptum Petri Nuyer per Henr' de Shenefeld et ux'm ejus.

Quitclaim by Henry de Shenefeld and Emma his wife, late wife of John de Pykenham, to Peter Nuyer, armourer, in respect of lands, &c., which the said Peter had by gift of

sol. ij*s.* vj*d.*

[1] The articles which follow are set out in 'Memorials,' pp. 226-8.

[2] These names struck out, the bearers having since died.

[3] 'Memorials,' p. 225.

Sir John de Potenhale, Knt., in the parish of St. Bride in Fletestrete. Dated 23 July, 19 Edward III. [A.D. 1345].

Acknowledged before Andrew Aubrey, Alderman, and the Chamberlain on Friday after the Feast of St. Laurence [10 Aug.].

Quoddam mem^d de attorn' constitut' per l'ram.

And be it known that the aforesaid Henry and Emma appointed William de Cornewaille and John de Tintagel their attorneys to collect and receive the issues of the tenements, &c., which belonged to John de Potenhale, delivered to them on account of a debt of 40 marks due under a recognizance to the said Emma.

Fo. cviii.

Writ to the Sheriffs for proclamation to be made that all barons, bannerets, knights, and esquires between the ages of sixteen and sixty furnish themselves with horses and arms according to their estate, to proceed with the King abroad, in order to put an end to the war. Witness the King at Westminster, 3 Aug., 19 Edward III. [A.D. 1345].[1]

Proclamation made accordingly on Monday the Feast of the Assumption B. M. [15 Aug.].

Ordinacio de Abrocar'.

At a congregation of the Mayor and Aldermen held on Thursday after the Feast of St. Laurence [10 Aug.], 19 Edward III. [A.D. 1345], complaint having been made by Robert de Hamme and his fellow-brokers of wool and drapery that many who were not free of the City intermeddled in their business, the Mayor and Aldermen ordained that the said Robert and his fellow-brokers should daily inquire as to who intermeddled in their business, not being free of the City, and what brokerage they received, &c., and report thereon to the Chamberlain, who was authorized to distrain for money so received upon the goods of the offenders, and to keep one-half for the use of the Commonalty, whilst the other half was to go to the said Robert and his fellows.

[1] Rymer, 'Fœdera,' vol. iii. pt. i. p. 55.

Fo. cviii b.

Scriptum Henr' de Reygate et Nich'i de Reygate per Rad'm de Haverynge.

Deed of confirmation by Ralph de Haverynge, girdler, to Henry de Reygate and Nicholas his brother, girdlers, of an annual rent of 6½ marks charged on a certain tenement held by the said Nicholas and Alice his wife in the parish and lane of St. Laurence in Old Jewry; which rent had previously been granted by Robert de Bristowe, saddler, to the aforesaid Henry. Witnesses, William Aylward, Nicholas Blosme (Blosine ?),[1] John Russel, John Wygod, Richard Morager, William Credyl, clerk, and others [not named]. Dated Sunday after the Feast of Nativity B. M. [8 Sept.], 19 Edward III. [A.D. 1345].

sol ij*s*. vj*d*.

Writ to the Mayor and Sheriffs to search the City for men between the ages of sixteen and sixty capable of bearing arms and to dispatch them to Portesmuth, so that they be there three weeks after Michaelmas at the latest, and, further, to make a return of the same to the King before Michaelmas Day. Witness the King at Westminster, 28 Aug., 19 Edward III. [A.D. 1345].

Fo. cix.

Writ to the Mayor and Sheriffs for the dispatch of 320 archers to Portesmuthe by three weeks after Michaelmas. Witness the King at Westminster, 28 Aug., 19 Edward III. [A.D. 1345].

Writ to the Aldermen that they assist the Mayor and Sheriffs in the foregoing. Same date.

Fo. cix b.

Writ to the Mayor and Sheriffs that they assist Robert Flambard and Richard atte Wode, the King's Serjeants-at-arms, to whom had been committed the navy of the City and the water of the Thames (during a dispute between the Admiral of the West and the Admiral of the North as to who had authority over the same), and who were to bring the fleet within the water of the Wyght by the octave of Michaelmas at the latest. Witness the King at the Tower of London, 8 Sept., 19 Edward III. [A.D. 1345].

De medietate abrocag'.

Be it remembered that on Thursday the morrow of the Exaltation of H. Cross [14 Sept.], 19 Edward III. [A.D. 1345], Thomas de Maryns, the Chamberlain, received from Guydo Talde, an unsworn broker, viz., for brokerage done by him between Thomas atte Vine and Geoffrey de Wyntertone for

[1] *Vide infra*, p. 136n.

thirteen sacks of wool, 13*s.*, whereof Robert de Hamme and his fellows took for their trouble one-half, according to the ordinance thereon made and entered on the folio preceding.[1] Also from Van Bronlesk for brokerage done for "Allumine de Tysik" sold between Master Lodowyk de Arecia, a physician, and another, 12*s.*, whereof the aforesaid Robert and his fellows took for their trouble one-half. vj*s.* vj*d.* vj*s.*

Writ to the Sheriffs to make proclamation of the new currency of the noble, the half-noble, and the quarter-noble, and the appointment of money-changers. Dated at the Tower, 10 Sept., 19 Edward III. [A.D. 1345].

Proclamation made accordingly on Tuesday before the Feast of the Exaltation of H. Cross [14 Sept.].

Quitclaim by Henry de Shenefeld and Emma his wife, late wife of John de Pykenham, to William de Caustone, mercer, of lands and tenements held by the said William in the parish of St. Bride in Fleet Street, in respect of anything that may be owing to them by the said John. Dated Friday after the Feast of Exaltation of H. Cross [14 Sept.], 19 Edward III. [A.D. 1345]. Fo. cx. *Scriptum Will'i de Caustone merceri per' Henr' de Shenefeld et Emmam ux'm eius*

Acknowledged before John Hamond, the Mayor, Roger de Depham, William de Pountfreyt, Aldermen, and Thomas de Maryns, the Chamberlain, Thursday the morrow of St. Matthew [21 Sept.].

Writ of Privy Seal to the Mayor and Sheriffs that they hasten the array of men-at-arms and archers for the King's service abroad. Dated at Westminster, 18 Sept., 19 Edward III. [A.D. 1345]. *Br'e sub privato sigillo pro hominibus ad arma et sagittar' arraiand'.*

Be it remembered that on Monday after the Feast of the Decollation of St. John Bapt. [29 Aug.], 19 Edward III. [A.D. 1345], Thomas de Maryns, the Chamberlain, received the sum of 40*s.* 4*d.* from Boydin Denys, an alien, who had acted as broker in respect of 120 pieces of cloth sold by him contrary to the custom of the City, inasmuch as he was not elected nor sworn as broker, and of the said sum the aforesaid Thomas delivered to Robert de Hamme and his fellow sworn brokers

[1] *Vide supra*, p. 129.

xx*s*. ij*d*. the sum of 20*s*. 2*d*. for their trouble, and the said Chamberlain charges himself with the remainder.

Fo. cx b.

Scriptum Thom' Bonde per Edm' fil' Marg'ie de Stebbenhethe.

Lease by Edmund, son of Margery de Stebbenhethe, to Thomas Bonde of his share in a tenement in the parish of St. Mary de Aldermariecherche, devised to him by the said Margery by will proved and enrolled in the Husting held for Common Pleas on Monday the Feast of St. Margaret [20 July], 12 Edward III. [A.D. 1338],[1] which tenement lately belonged to Simon Godard, and is situate near the property of Richard Chaucer and William de Thorneye, Aldermen; to hold to the said Thomas for a term of eighteen years. John Hamond, Mayor, Thomas Legi and Geoffrey le Tableter,[2] Sheriffs, Andrew Aubrey, Alderman of the Ward.[3] Witnesses, William de Thorneye, Richard Chaucer, William de Hanamstede, William de Derby, John Bole, Roger Carpenter, William de Grantham, and others [not named]. Dated Thursday the Feast of the Nativity B. M. [8 Sept.], 19 Edward III. [A.D. 1345].

sol. ij*s*. vj*d*.

Acknowledged before Richard Lacer, William de Poumfreyt, and John de Caustone, Aldermen, and Thomas de Maryns, the Chamberlain, Saturday after the Feast of St. Matthew [21 Sept.], 19 Edward III. [A.D. 1345].

An indemnity granted by the said Thomas Bonde to William Blood, to whom the above Edmund was bound under oath, for any injury that might arise out of the above grant.

Fo. cxi.

Billa Ortolanor' tradita Maiori et de loco ordinato pro curtilagiis et al' vend'.

Wednesday before the Feast of St. Bartholomew [24 Aug.], 19 Edward III. [A.D. 1345], a petition presented to the Mayor by the Gardeners, praying that they may be allowed to sell garden produce (*les courtelages*) in front of the church of St. Augustine by the side of St. Paul's gate as of old.

On the following Friday, the petition having been considered by John Hamond, the Mayor, Roger de Depham, Simon Fraunceys, John de Caustone, William de Pountefreyt, William de Thorneye, and John de Aylesham, Aldermen, it was agreed that they should no longer stand and sell their wares by the

[1] See 'Cal. of Wills, Court of Hust.,' i. 428.

[2] Or "de Wychingham."

[3] Cordwainer Street.

church of St. Augustine, as the noise they made was a nuisance to the clerks and laymen attending the church, but they should remove to the space between the south gate of St. Paul's Churchyard and the garden wall of the Friars Preachers at Castle Baynard.[1]

Br'e d'ni R' de sagittar' arraiand' et ducend'.

Writ to the Mayor and Sheriffs that they hold the men-at-arms and archers who had been ordered to be at Portesmuthe three weeks after Michaelmas at the latest in readiness to set forth at a day's notice, as it was uncertain when the fleet would be able to set sail. Witness the King at Westminster, 19 Sept., 19 Edward III. [A.D. 1345].

Cognicio Maur' Turgis de bonis legat' pueris Ric' Denys.

Friday after the Feast of St. Andrew [30 Nov.], 19 Edward III. [A.D. 1345], came Maurice Turgis before Richard Lacer, the Mayor, and the Aldermen, and acknowledged that he was prepared to hand over certain moneys belonging to the children of Richard Denys, late goldsmith, to whomsoever the Court might think fit.

Fo. cxi b.

De custodia Alicie fil' Petri le Convers.

Friday after the octave of St. Michael [29 Sept.], 19 Edward III. [A.D. 1345], came William de Stretham before John Hamond, the Mayor, and Thomas de Maryns, the Chamberlain, and received from William atte Conduyt, goldsmith, and Katherine his wife, late wife of Peter le Convers, goldsmith, the custody of Alice, daughter of the said Peter and Katherine, and of her property left to her by her father. Sureties, viz., Richard de Basingestoke and Adam de Walpole, goldsmiths.

Ordinacio de Custumis lanar' averii ponderis et aliar' rer' venalium percipiend' per vic' in vigilio Sancti Michaelis.

Whereas before this time, on the eve of St. Michael [29 Sept.], dissensions have arisen between the newly elected Sheriffs of the City and the Sheriffs of the past year, their predecessors, on account of their being uncertain as to which of them the custom of wool, goods of weight (*averii ponderis*), and other things vendible that are subject to custom coming to the said City as well by water as by land on the said eve of St. Michael, or lying in the said City or its port at that time, ought to appertain; in order to settle such disputes it was agreed by John Hamond, the Mayor, the Aldermen, and Commonalty, on Wednesday the

[1] 'Memorials,' p. 228.

eve of St. Michael, anno 19 Edward III. [A.D. 1345], that every year thenceforth the Sheriffs retiring from office on the eve of St. Michael shall have the custom of wool weighed and shipped and of all things vendible lying in the City and port thereof up to the time of the striking of noon (*nonam*); and after noon struck the newly elected Sheriffs shall take the custom of wool to be weighed and shipped, and also of goods vendible coming to the City as well by land as by water, and leaving the said City, as is befitting.

Ball'i Telar'. Monday before the Feast of St. Nicholas [6 Dec.], 19 Edward III. [A.D. 1345], William le Keu, "webbe," and John Payn, "webbe,"[1] elected bailiffs of their mistery for the year ensuing in the presence of the Mayor and Aldermen.

Fo. cxii. Quitclaim by John Hamond, the Mayor, and the Aldermen and citizens to Henry [ ], the parson of the church of St. Michael in "la Crokedelane," and John Lovekyn, Walter de Mordone, Adam Lucas, Ralph de Lenne, Adam atte Pole, and other parishioners of the same, of arrears of a certain rent due for a parcel of land, formerly belonging to Ralph Fitz Burghard, an outlaw, granted to the parishioners by the King. Dated Saturday after the Feast of St. Luke [18 Oct.], 19 Edward III. [A.D. 1345].

Grant under the Common Seal of the City by John Hamond, the Mayor, the Aldermen, and the rest of the citizens to Alan Gille, Warden of London Bridge, of a piece of waste land under the wall of the Bishop of London in the parish of St. Faith in the Ward of Farndone Within; to hold to him and his successors, Wardens of the bridge, for the purpose of the repair of the bridge. Dated Thursday after the Feast of St. Luke [18 Oct.], 19 Edward III. [A.D. 1345].

Writ to the Sheriffs that they make proclamation touching the taking of security from masters of ships freighted with wine for discharging the same at the accustomed places where the wine may be gauged by Thomas de Colleye, the gauger, or his officials, and for not landing the wine secretly, &c. Witness the King at Westminster, 15 Oct., 19 Edward III. [A.D. 1345].

[1] Weavers.

Proclamation made accordingly on Saturday before the Feast of SS. Simon and Jude [28 Oct.].

Indenture tripartite of the foundation of a chantry in St. Paul's Church according to terms of the will of Master William de Melford, Archdeacon of Colchester.[1] Sealed with the several seals of the Mayoralty of London, of Richard de Plessys, Archdeacon of Colchester, and of William de Stanesfeld, Rector of St. Stephen's, Walbroke, and John de Pykeringge, chaplain, executors of the aforesaid Master William de Melford. Dated at the Chapter House of St. Paul's, 4 April, A.D. 1345. Fo. cxii b.

Writ to Richard Lacer, Mayor, appointing him on a Commission of gaol delivery for Neugate, in conjunction with William Scot, Richard de Kelshulle, and William de Nottone, who had taken the place of John Hamond, late Mayor. Witness the King at Westminster, 29 Oct., 19 Edward III. [A.D. 1345]. Fo. cxiii.

Br'e pro Ric'o Lacer Maiore assoc' Justic' pro deliberacione gaole de Neugate.

Grant by Richard de Ware, fishmonger, and Isabella his wife, to Sir John de Hicchen, Rector of the church of St. Antonin, of an annual quitrent charged on his tenements in the parish of St. Michael Queenhithe formerly belonging to John, son of John de Nasynge, late girdler, for a term of sixteen years. Richard Lacer, Mayor, John de Gloucestre and Edmund de Hemenhale, Sheriffs, Richard de Rothinge, Alderman of the Ward.[2] Witnesses, Andrew Aubrey, William de Thorneye, William de Hanamstede, Giles Spenser, John Bole, and others [not named]. Dated Wednesday after the Feast of St. Martin [11 Nov.], 19 Edward III. [A.D. 1345]. Fo. cxiii b.

Scriptum d'ni Joh'is de Hicchen' per Ric'm de Ware et ux'm ejus.

sol. ij*s.* vj*d.*

Acknowledged before Richard Lacer, Mayor, and Thomas de Maryns, the Chamberlain, Tuesday after the Feast of St. Edmund the King [20 Nov.].

[1] Will dated Aug., 1334, and proved and enrolled in the Husting of London in November, 1337. See 'Cal. of Wills,' i. 424. Cf. Appendix to Ninth Report Hist. MSS. Com., p. 46b.

[2] Queenhithe.

Script' convenc' int' predictos d'um Joh'em de Hicchen' et Ric'm et Isabell' ux'm ejus.

sol. ijs. vj*d.*

Indenture of covenant that a bond entered into by the above Richard and Isabella in the sum of £60 in favour of the above Rector of St. Antonin shall be void if the terms of the foregoing deed be carried out. Dated Tuesday after the Feast of St. Edmund the King [20 Nov.], the above year.

Acknowledged the same day as the foregoing.

Fo. cxiv.

Script' Will'i de Elsynge per Henr' de Reygate et Nich'm fratrem ejus.

sol. ijs. vj*d.*

Grant by Henry de Reygate and Nicholas de Reygate [his brother], girdlers, to William de Elsynge, mercer, of an annual rent of 6½ marks formerly granted to the said Henry by Robert de Bristowe, saddler, and charged on a tenement held by the said Nicholas and Alice his wife under Ralph de Haverynge, girdler, and other tenements of the said Ralph in the parish of St. Laurence in the Old Jewry; to hold the same for a term of six years. Witnesses, William Aylleward, Nicholas Blosme (Blosine ?),[1] John Russel, John Wygod, Richard Morager, William Credyl, clerk, and others [not named]. Dated Thursday before the Feast of St. Katherine [25 Nov.], 19 Edward III. [A.D. 1345].

Acknowledged before Walter de Mordone, Alderman, and Thomas de Maryns, Chamberlain, Saturday the morrow of St. Katherine [25 Nov.].

Fo. cxiv b.

Acquietanc' Joh'is de Coggeshale vinetar' per Ric' de Coventre et ux'm ejus.

A general release by Richard de Coventre, skinner, and Katherine his wife, daughter of Richard de Essex, to John de Coggeshale, vintner. Dated Tuesday the Feast of St. Nicholas [6 Dec.], 19 Edward III. [A.D. 1345].

Acknowledged the following day before the Chamberlain.

Grant by Robert, the Prior of the church of St. Mary de Suthwerk, and convent of the same to Sir Geoffrey Belhofte, Rector of Holy Trinity the Less, of an annuity of 40*s.* Dated at the Chapter House, Suthwerk, 1 Dec., A.D. 1345.

Acknowledged before Thomas de Maryns, the Chamberlain, on Tuesday the Feast of St. Lucia [13 Dec.].

[1] One of the family, if not this Nicholas, probably gave the name to Blossom's Inn (corruptly called "Bosom's Inn" in Stow's day) in St. Laurence Lane, Old Jewry. In 1374 we find it recorded in the Husting as "Blosmeshyn," and a year later as "Blossemesin." Hust. Roll 102 (120); 103 (37). The name survives to this day as "Blossom Inn Yard," the booking and receiving premises of the Great Eastern Railway.

Writ to the Mayor and Sheriffs to forward the men-at-arms, already ordered for the King's service abroad, to Portesmuth by mid-Lent instead of the 1st March. Witness the King at Redynges, 20 Jan., 19 Edward III. [A.D. 1345-6]. Fo. cxv.

Writ to the Sheriffs that proclamation be made for the arming of all able persons between the ages of sixteen and sixty, the same to be at Portesmuthe by mid-Lent. Witness the King at Leycestre, 20 Jan., 19 Edward III. [A.D. 1345-6].[1]

Friday after the Feast of St. Thomas [21 Dec.], 19 Edward III. [A.D. 1345], came William de la Panetrie, one of the executors of John de Ayllesham,[2] before John Syward, Alderman, and Thomas de Maryns, the Chamberlain, and acknowledged that he had in his possession the sum of £50 in trust for Thomas, son of the said John. Fo. cxv b. *De pueris Joh'is de Ayllesham.*

The same day came Elizabeth, widow and executrix of the said John de Ayllesham, and acknowledged that she had in her possession the sum of £40 bequeathed to Alice, daughter of the said John.

The above recognizances cancelled because the debts were satisfied.

Common Pleas held in the Husting, London, on Monday after the Feast of the Purification [2 Feb.], 20 Edward III. [A.D. 1345-6], in the presence of Richard Lacer, the Mayor, Andrew Aubrey, Simon Fraunceys, Roger de Depham, John Hamond, John de Caustone, Richard de Rothinge, William de Brikelesworth, Richard de Berkynge, William de Pountefreit, Walter Turk, John Syward, and Thomas Leggy, Aldermen. Agreed by the said Mayor and Aldermen, with the assent of the Commonalty, that no broker use brokerage in any mistery unless he be free of the City and be elected by the more honest men of the mistery in which he practises, and be sworn before the Mayor and Aldermen for the time Fo. cxvi. *Ordinacio pro Abbrocariis.*

[1] A similar writ addressed to the Sheriff of Kent is set out in Rymer's 'Fœdera,' vol. iii. pt. i. p. 67.

[2] His will proved and enrolled in the Husting in November, 1345. See 'Cal. of Wills,' i. 483.

being to faithfully discharge his duty between seller and buyer; and that no host (*hospes*) be a broker, and no broker be a host.

Concessio porte super pontem London'.

Grant by Richard Lacer, the Mayor, the Aldermen, and the rest of the citizens to John de Conduit of the custody of the gate on London Bridge; to hold the same during good behaviour. Dated Tuesday after the Purification [2 Feb.], 20 Edward III. [A.D. 1345-6].

De leprosis amovend' de civitate et suburb'.

Writ for proclamation to be made for the removal of lepers from the City within fifteen days. Witness the King at Westminster, 15 March, 20 Edward III. [A.D. 1345-6].[2]

Proclamation made accordingly on Wednesday after the Feast of St. Gregory [12 March].

Fo. cxvi b.

Writ to the Sheriffs for men-at-arms, hoblers, and archers to be forwarded to Portesmuth by the quinzaine of Easter next, as the King fully purposed to cross the sea at that date. Witness the King at Westminster, 18 March, 20 Edward III. [A.D. 1345-6].[3]

Writ to the Sheriffs for proclamation to be made for the archers who were to proceed to Gascony under Henry, Earl of Lancaster, to assemble on the morrow before Prime at Totehull, near Westminster. Witness the King at Westminster, 27 March, 20 Edward III. [A.D. 1346].[4]

Approbac' Regis de decollacione certorum etc.

Writ to the Mayor and Sheriffs reciting the fact of the King having formerly granted an indemnity to the Mayor, &c., for having ordered the execution of certain rioters in an affray between Fishmongers and Skinners,[5] and bidding them to put down any disorder that might arise in the City in consequence of their action. Witness the King at Westminster, 18 March, 20 Edward III. [A.D. 1345-6].

[1] Cf. the following ordinance approved by the King in 1319: "Et quod abbrocatores aliquarum mercandisarum in civitate predicta de cetero non existant nisi per mercatores de mesteris in quibus ipsi abbrocatores habeant officia sua exercere ad hoc electi fuerint et super hoc saltem coram Majore civitatis predicte prestiterint juramentum." Letter-Book E, fo. xc b; cf. 'Liber Cust., i. 272.

[2] 'Memorials,' p. 230.

[3] Rymer, 'Fœdera,' vol. iii. pt. i. p. 76.

[4] *Id., ibid.*, 77.

[5] *Vide supra*, p. 58.

Fo. cxvii.

Eleccio Joh'is Lambyn in servientem Camere.

Monday the morrow of St. Gregory [12 March], 20 Edward III. [A.D. 1345–6], in the presence of Richard Lacer, the Mayor, Henry Darci, Andrew Aubrey, Simon Fraunceys, John Hamond, Roger de Depham, William de Caustone, John de Caustone, John de Northhalle, Thomas Leggy, Walter Turk, Geoffrey de Wychyngham, Walter Neel, and William de Briklesworth, Aldermen, John de Croydone, John de Bedeford, Richard Double, John Little, William Turk, and many other commoners [not named], in the Guildhall, John, son of William Lambyn, elected Serjeant of the Chamber and sworn, &c., taking for his yearly fee 40*s*.

Acquietanc' Asselini Simonet per Joh'em fil' Ric'i de Gaytone vilour.

sol. ij*s.* vj*d.*

Acquittance by John, son of Richard de Gayton, "vilour,"[1] to Asselin Simonett' de Luca and Margaret his wife, mother of the said John, for all rights under his father's will. The seals of Thomas de Maryns and Francis Baudim attached. Witnesses, John de Bedeford, Bartholomew Thomasyn, William Credil, and others [not named]. Dated 5 April, A.D. 1346.

Bona deliberata pueris Rob'ti de Lambourne per Petr' Estmar.

Wednesday after the Feast of the Annunciation B. M. [25 March], 20 Edward III. [A.D. 1346], came Johanna, Richard, Thomas, John, and William, children of Robert de Lambourne, late bureller, and Peter Estmar, executor of the same, the said children demanding that the proceeds of the sale of a certain tenement which the said Robert and Cristina his wife jointly acquired from William le Charpenter, apothecary, in the parish of St. Swithin, should be delivered to them according to the terms of their father's will.[2] Order for delivery, the said children being of full age.

[1] Either a maker of viols or a player on the viol like "Richardin le Violour," who is described in a marginal note as a minstrel. See 'Cal. Letter-Book B,' p. 47. The Gayton family appears to have had some connexion in one way or another with musical instruments, for we find a William de Gaytone in 1311 described as a "tabourer," or maker of "tabours," *i.e.*, small drums. 'Cal. Letter-Book B,' p. 22. The will also of a William de Gayton, a "tabourer," was proved and enrolled in the Husting in 1337. 'Cal. of Wills,' i. 419.

[2] Proved and enrolled in the Husting in 1329. See 'Cal. of Wills,' i. 346.

Fo. cxvii b.

Br'e quod Justic' non capiant' feoda nec robas magnatum.

Writ to the Sheriffs for proclamation to be made that in future no Justice accept fee or gown from any party coming before him, and that equal law be administered without favour or hate, &c. Dated at Westminster, 28 April, 20 Edward III. [A.D. 1346].[1]

Proclamation made accordingly on Sunday the eve of SS. Philip and James [1 May]. The writ, with seal, remains in the possession of John de Gloucestre, the Sheriff.

Fo. cxviii.

De custod' £iiij xiijs. iiijd. legat' Joh'i fil' Joh'is de Hendon.

Monday after the Feast of St. John ante portam Latinam [6 May], 20 Edward III. [A.D. 1346], came Edmund le Archer, "stokfisshmongere," before John de Caustone and John Syward, Aldermen, and Thomas de Maryns, the Chamberlain, and received a certain sum of money from Alice, widow of John de Hendon, and John de Frenyngham, executors of the said John, in trust for John, son of the aforesaid John. Sureties, viz., John Gentil and Nicholas Madefrey, fishmonger.

Thursday before the Feast of St. Barnabas [11 June], 20 Edward III. [A.D. 1346], a certain hamper (*hanaperium*) containing deeds, &c., affecting Edmund, Leticia, and Roisia, children of Ralph de Bury, late cordwainer, which had been delivered to Andrew Horn, the Chamberlain, during the mayoralty of Hamo de Chigwell, for safe keeping, anno 15 Edward II., was delivered, in the presence of Richard Lacer, the Mayor, and John de Gloucestre, the Sheriff, by Thomas de Maryns, the Chamberlain, to the aforesaid Edmund, and to Peter de Henle, "chaundeler," husband of the aforesaid Roisia, to the use of the said Edmund, Leticia, and Roisia.

Fo. cxviii b.

De testamento Thom' de Worsted et de custodia pueror' ejusdem Thome.

Saturday after the Feast of St. Dunstan [19 May], 20 Edward III. [A.D. 1346], came Isabella, widow and executrix of Thomas de Worsted, mercer, before John de Caustone and Geoffrey de Wychingham, Aldermen, and Thomas de Maryns, the Chamberlain, and acknowledged that she had certain moneys in her possession bequeathed by her late husband[2] to

[1] Set out in the 'Statutes at Large' (ed. 1758), i. 259, in the form of a statute made at Westminster, 7 May, 1346.

[2] His will proved and enrolled in the Husting in July, 1346, being dated 2 Nov., 1345. See 'Cal. of Wills,' i. 489.

Thomas and Isabella his children, as well as a tenement devised to the said Thomas, and situate in the churchyard of St. Laurence, Jewry, and that she held them in trust for the said children. Sureties, viz., Simon Dolsely and John Notte.

The same day came Simon de Worsted, mercer, co-executor of the will of the above Thomas, and acknowledged that he had in his possession certain moneys in trust for Simon, son of the above Thomas. Sureties, viz., Geoffrey atte Gate, "hattere," and John de Hyngestone, goldsmith.

Exoneracio Simonis de Worstede.

Afterwards, viz., on the 10th May, 38 Edward III. [A.D. 1364], the aforesaid Simon, son of Thomas de Worstede, being of full age, came before John Noot, the Mayor, the Aldermen, and John de Cantebrigge, the Chamberlain, and acknowledged that he had received from the above Simon de Worstede all money due to him.

Fo. cxix.

Br'e d'ni R' quod hobelar' et sagittar' comitatuum regni' se divertant versus Portesmuth.

Writ to the Sheriffs for proclamation to be made for all hoblers and archers equipped for the King's service abroad to proceed to Portesmuth with all speed. Witness the King at Westminster, 18 May, 20 Edward III. [A.D. 1346].

Proclamation made accordingly on Thursday before the Feast of St. Dunstan [19 May].

Consimile br'e quod hobelar' et sagittar' se divertant versus partes Wynton'.

Writ to the same for proclamation to be made for the men to proceed to Winchester with all speed, and that the levy made for foreign service should not form a precedent. Witness the King at Westminster, 23 May, 20 Edward III. [A.D. 1346].

Proclamation made accordingly on Wednesday the eve of the Ascension [25 May].

Writ of Privy Seal to the same to make proclamation that all who were to serve abroad with the King be at Portesmuth by Tuesday after the Feast of St. John [24 June]. Dated at Porcestre, 20 June, 20 Edward III. [A.D. 1346].

The above was delivered to Edmund de Hemenhale, the Sheriff, by Richard de Podenhale, the King's Serjeant-at-arms, on Thursday before the Nativity St. John Bapt. [24 June]; and it was proclaimed the same day.

Ordinacio de vendicione piscis recent'.

Ordinance forbidding the forestalling of salmon, lampreys, dace, and other fresh fish taken in the Thames. [No date.]

Fo. cxix b.

De custodia Thome fil' Thome de Gartone.

Tuesday after the Feast of Nativity St. John Bapt. [24 June], 20 Edward III. [A.D. 1346], the guardianship of Thomas, son of Thomas de Gartone, aged seven years, and his property committed to Adam Fraunceys, mercer, in place of Idonia, the mother of the said infant, deceased. Sureties, viz., John de Caustone and Geoffrey de Wychingham, mercers.

Script' Ric'i de Herpesfeld de quodam puella apprentic' sua.

sol. ij*s.* vj*d.*

Deed whereby Margery, late wife of John Deumars, binds her daughter Hawysia as apprentice to Richard de Herpesfeld, corder, for a term of fifteen years from Easter, anno 20 Edward III. [A.D. 1346], Richard Lacer being Mayor, and Edmund de Hemenhale and John de Gloucestre, Sheriffs. Witnesses, John de la Rokele, Bartholomew Deumars, Thomas de Ispania, John Brutyn, Richard de Wycoumbe, and others [not named]. Dated Easter Sunday [16 April], the year aforesaid.

Acknowledged before Thomas de Maryns, the Chamberlain, on Saturday before the Feast of St. Margaret [20 July].

Fo. cxx.

Br'e pro parliamento.

Writ to the Sheriffs for the election of four citizens to attend a Parliament to be held at Westminster on Monday after the Feast of the Nativity B. M. [8 Sept.][1] next. Witness Lionel the King's son, *Custos* of England, at Wyndesore, 30 July, 20 Edward III. [A.D. 1346].

Pursuant to the above writ there were elected by the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty Thomas Legy and Geoffrey de Wychingham, Aldermen, and John Lovekyn and Thomas de Waldene, Commoners, to attend the Parliament.

Nova missa per d'um Regem existent' apud Cadomum consilio suo in Angl'.

Letter from the King to his subjects informing them of the success of his military operations in France from the day of his landing at La Hogue, near Barfleur. [No date.][2]

Fo. cxx b.

Writ to the Sheriffs enclosing the above and bidding them proclaim the same in full Husting and elsewhere, and see that

[1] Sat from the 11th to the 20th September. Stubbs, 'Const. Hist.,' ii. 395, note 3.

[2] Printed from the Letter-Book in Delpit's 'Collection Générale des Documents Français qui se trouvent en Angleterre,' p. 71. M. Delpit (*ibid.*, p. cxxv) gives the date of the letter as the 3rd August, 1346.

reinforcements were got ready. Witness Lionel the King's son, *Custos* of England, at Wyndesore, 3 Aug., 20 Edward III. [A.D. 1346].[1]

Writ to the Sheriffs to make proclamation that the gold money made at the Tower of London called the gold noble, of the value of 6*s.* 8*d.*, and the half and quarter noble pass as currency and be not refused; and that informers against those passing false money should receive one-third of the value. Dated at Wyndesore, 10 Aug., 20 Edward III. [A.D. 1346].

The names of those elected by the best and wisest men of every Ward of the City to well and truly assess the inhabitants of each Ward having goods and chattels of the value of £10, and those having more, each according to his substance, for 3,000 marks, which the Mayor and Aldermen, *temp.* Richard Lacer, Mayor, anno 20 Edward III., agreed to raise for the King, partly as a gift and partly a loan:— Fo. cxxi[1]

On the East Side.

Aldermen:—William de Brikelesworth, John de Northhalle.

Tower: Henry Wymond, Andrew Turk, Geoffrey de Wynterton.

Langebourne: John de Bromholme, Roger de Wedone.

Bisshopesgate: John Pycot, Nicholas Punge.

Algate: Simon Caperon, William de Wymondeswold.

Cornhull: John de Brendewode, John Levelife.

Candelwyk: Thomas de Wynton', Geoffrey le Botiller.

Douegate: William de Wygorn', Thomas Potyn.

Bradestrete: Richard de Stondone, John de Herewardestoke.

Walbroke: John de Bedeford, Nicholas Hotot, John Doxenford.

Billyngesgate: John Youn, Robert Pykeman.

Bridge: John de Croydone, Ralph de Lenne, Walter de Mordone.

Portsokne: Peter de Westone, Robert Andreu.

Lymestrete: Richard Walram, Ralph de Mixebury.

[1] Cf. Rymer, 'Fœdera,' vol. iii. pt. i. p. 88.

On the West Side.

Farndone Within: Robert de Shordiche, Andrew de Secche-ford.

Farringdon Without: Reginald de Thorpe, Thomas Giles.

Crepelgate: Simon de Worsted, Robert de Haryngeye, Adam de Walpole.

Cordewanerstrete: John de Kelingworth, Simon Rote, Richard de Totyngtone, Nicholas de Elsynge.

Chepe: Thomas de Waldene, Nicholas le Girdeler, Roger de Caumpes, John Blaunche.

Queenhithe: William de Neuport, William Kere.

Vintry: John de Stodeye, John de Cressingham.

Castle Baynard: John Tornegold, Henry Brenge.

Colmanstrete: John de Hatfeld, William atte Welde.

Bassieshawe: John de Dallynge, Roger Pycot.

Aldresgate: John atte Barnette, Thomas de Cauntebrege.

Bredestrete: Nicholas Madefrey, John de Walpole.

Names of those Assessed.[1]

Simon Fraunceys, William de Caustone, Andrew Aubrey, John Hamond, Richard de Rothinge, Henry Darci, Thomas Legy, John de Caustone, William de Thorneye, John Syward, John Rokele, John de Mockynge, Walter Neel, Richard de Berkynge, Bartholomew Deumars, Walter de Mordone, Geoffrey de Wychingham, William de Briklesworth, John de Northhalle, William de Poumfreyt, Walter Turk, Richard Lacer, Bartholomew Chymeu, Thomas de Cavendisshe, Adam
Fo. cxxi b. de St. Alban, Roger de Ashwode, Adam Fraunceys, Thomas de Brandone, Richard de Kyselingbery, Thomas de Holebeche, Walter de Chiritone, Simon Dolsely, Alan Gille, William de Cave, John Husebond, Adam Brabason, Henry Pycard, John Galeys, Richard Deumars, John Lovekyn, John Dastewyk, Nicholas de Caustone, Jordan de Elsynge, Simon de Brunne, William Clapitus, William Haunsard, William Box, John Anke-till, Reginald de Conduit, John de Wesenham, Hugh de Bran-

[1] Opposite the name of each person is placed the amount of assessment, which varies between 20*s.* and £100.

done, William de Hanhampsted, John de Godestone, Richard Smelt, Richard Chaucer, Thomas Broun, James Andreu, Bartholomew Deumars, junior, John Pecche, John de Colewell, Henry atte Rothe, Gore Lombard, John Notte, Giles Spenser, Janyn Spicer, Roger Carpenter, Robert de Manhale, Ralph de Cauntebrege, John de Gloucestre, John de Gildesburgh, Adam Aspal, Richard le Long, Gilbert de Steyndrope, John Peyntour, Richard de Lamhethe, Adam Pykeman, Gilbert Palmere, Arnald de Lenne, Thomas de Holdene, John Bretyn, John de Westone, Nicholas le Blake, Simon de Berkynge, William de Elsinge, Richard de Basyngestoke, Roger de Frowyk, John Makenheved, Thomas de Morle, John de Henlee, Simon de Brunnesford, Henry Fannere, Gilot de Loundres, John de Toppesfeld, John Moy, William de Gloucestre, John, son of Thomas de Cavendisshe, Richard Kyng, Simon atte Gate, Robert de Huntyngdon, John de Bristoll, Walter de Harewedone, Robert Mareschal, goldsmith, John Bokebyndere, John Odyern, John Bonet, Hamo le Barber, Roger Madour, William de Tudenham, Richard Double, John de Londenstone, Hugh de Portesmouthe, John de Depham, Adam Lucas, Richard Bacon, William Bled, William Turk, Henry Sterre Anesty [*sic*], William le Hore, pessoner, William de Staneford, Adam de Bery, John de Berkynge, John de Abyndone, Edmund de Hemenhale, Simon de Gartone, Gilbert Curteys, Walter Potyn, Stephen Palmere, Roger Hotoft, Walter Bonet, Peter Daubeneye, Walter de Lincoln, Thomas de Oxon', "cok," John Chaundeler Fo. cxxii.
atte Stockes, William de Derby, Richard de Wycombe, Elyas Musshe, Robert de Haselingfeld, Robert le Roo, John Bole, "peleter," Richard Riffyn, William de Grantesdene, mercer, Nicholas atte Mersshe, John de Coggeshale, Richard le Rous, Walter de Bamptone, John Broun, "poleter," John de Romeneye, "pottere," William de Grubbelane, John Deynes, Henry de Ware, John de Berkyng de Colmanstrete, William de Bramptone, John Underwode, John Pyel, Geoffrey Manner, John Martyn, Walter atte Conduyt, William Heyron, John de Craustoke, John de Slappelee, Thomas Sterre, William Pentrie, John Pentrie, Richard Saleman, John de Wyrcestre, John Kyng, "peyntour,"

John de Hyntone, John Ewayn, John Somer, draper, Richard de Claverynge, Laurence de Braughynge, Henry Cros, Ralph de Halsted, Thomas atte Vine, Walter de Maundeville and his brother, William Knight, John Geffrey, Sayer Scof, Robert Gregori, Thomas Chaumpyon, Walter Paterlyng, John de Ryvenhale, James le Sherman, Walter de Lyndewode, Thomas de Swanlond, Nicholas de Swanlond, John de Beseville, Thomas atte Rededore, William Sporoun, Robert de Wyke, James de Thame, Robert de Bredone, Roger de Wenlok, Walter Musehacche, John Swyft, John atte Belle de Fletestrete, John Porter de Smethefeld, John de Kyselyngbery, Nicholas de Bedyngtone, Richard de Elsynge, Thomas de Norhamptone, Thomas de Burtone, John Lacer, John de Totenham, chaundeler, William Payn, John de Hyngestone, Nicholas de Bartone, Simon Seman, Stephen de Staneford, John de Triple, William de Bernes, Robert le Hornere, William Brangweyn, Richard de Mallynge, Henry atte Strete, John Fynche, John Vivent, Thomas Sharnebroke, Ralph Beauflour, John Monqoy, John Clerk, "blader," John de Actone, John de Podenhale, William de Kent, "tannere," John de Chichestre, William de Hoo, John Smert, William de Rameseye, Philip Dykeman, William de Cheyham, John de Ware, Peter de Blithe, "pottere," William Dykeman, Geoffrey de Ware, Robert de Guldeford, John de Kyngestone, William
Fo. cxxii b. de Aungre, John de Tiffeld, John de Refham, fishmonger, Roger le Peautrer, Goscelin de Clive, Robert le Ropere, Henry Sterre de Halybourne, Richard de Evere, William Doget, Simon de Mordone, John le Neve, Simon Lespicer, Simon de Pulham, Robert de Clapwelle, John de Merwe, Robert de St. John, Thomas de Prestone, Thomas de Welleford, junior, William de Nottelee, Richard de Carletone, Robert Makeseye, Walter Page, Robert de Hatfeld, John Malewayn, Robert Swote, Robert de Thorneye, John Lambyn, Adam atte Pole, William de Rothinge, Roger Chaundeler, John Brewere of Bridge Ward, Thomas atte Wyche, Stephen Lucas, William Double, Thomas Aleyn, William Albon, "whittawyere," John de Pastone, John Russel, girdler, John Wygod, William Aylleward, John de Berkynge, senior, Hugh de St. Neot, William de

Grantham, John Petit, Antonin Citron, Thomas Canon, William de Holbeche, John Rous, "pessoner," Richard de Lincoln, Roger de Ely, William Palmere, tapicer, Richard Merk, Robert de Stratford, Henry de Boseworthe, William de Pertenhale, Robert de Wodehous, William de Hodesdone, "bocher," Robert Turnour, John Halyday de Bedeford, John Chaundeler de Grascherche, Andrew Cros, Hereman Skippere, Richard de Prestone, Thomas Meel, "hattere," Geoffrey de Everdone, Agnes Lucas, Alice de Brandone, Isabella de Somersham, Matilda Aleyns, Alice de Hakeneye, Matilda atte Vine, Gilbert le Mirourer, Simon de Hestone, Peter Cheke, "peleter," Giles de Flore, draper, John de Gartone, Robert de Hannewod, Thomas Frylond and Nicholas his partner, John Devenisshe, "peleter," William de Ware, "peleter," Nicholas Corp, Henry Wymond, Geoffrey de Wyntertone, Andrew Turk, John de Bromholm, Nicholas Punge, John de Brendewod, John Levelife, Thomas de Wyncestre, Geoffrey Botiller, John de Herewardestoke, Richard de Staundone, William de Wyrcestre, Thomas Potyn, John de Bedeford, Nicholas Hotoft, John de Oxon', John de Croydone, Ralph de Lenne, Peter de Westone, Robert de Shordiche, Andrew de Seccheford, Reginald de Thorpe, Simon de Worsted, Robert de Haryngeye, Adam de Walpole, John de Kelyngworth, Simon Rote, Richard de Totyngtone, Nicholas de Elsinge, Thomas de Waldene, Nicholas le Gurdelere, Roger de Caumpes, John Blaunche, William de Neuport, William Kere, John Stodeye, John de Cressingham, John Tornegold, Henry Brenge, John de Hatfeld, William atte Welde, John de Dallynge, Roger Pycot, Nicholas Madefrey, John de Walpole, John Youn, Richard de Heydone, "whittawyere," Peter Chate, Lombard, Richard atte Valeye, draper, and his partners, Richard Forester, "diegher," William de Breyntone and his partners, Richard le Yong, spicer of Walbrook, John de Thame, Thomas de Leveryngtone, "felmonger," Richard de Gloucestre, "glovere," Stephen atte Holte, Thomas de Farnham. Fo. cxxiii.

Sum total, £3,000 8*s*.

Names of those whose assessments were increased[1] *and of those previously omitted and now assessed by order of the King's writ.*

Tower: William de Briklesworth, Henry Wymond, and Geoffrey de Wyntertone.

Billingesgate: Robert Pykeman, Thomas de Ware, and Henry Graspays.

Bridge: John de Croydone and William de Mordone.

Douegate: William de Wyrcestre, John de York, vintner, and William Swyft.

Walbroke: John de Bedeford and Nicholas Hotot.

Alegate: } No increase.
Portsokne: }

Bisshopesgate: Nicholas Punge and John Pycot.

Candelwykestrete: William Lyndraper.

Bradestrete: John Herewardestoke, Richard de Stondone, and Roger Osekyne.

Cornhull: }
Langebourne: } No increase.
Lymestrete: }

On the West.

Farndone Without: Reginald de Thorpe, Thomas Gyles, John Broun, Robert de Asshe, William de Waltham, Thomas de Banham, Nicholas le Sporiere, William de Toppesfeld, William le Palmere, William le Hornere, John de Blakwelle, Richard le Clerk.

Fo. cxxiii b. *Farndone Within:* Robert de Shordiche, Andrew de Secche-ford, Stephen le Mazerer, John Russel, Thomas Frisbek, William de Hodesdone, Adam Broun, John Grene, John Many-peny, Thomas Plomer, Stephen Plomer, Robert le Gardiner, Richard de Arderne.

Crepelgate Within and Without: Simon de Worstede, Robert de Harengeye, Adam de Walpole.

Chepe: Thomas de Waldene, Roger de Caumpes.

[1] The increase of assessment varies from 20*s.* to £25.

Cordewanerstrete: John de Kelyngworth, Simon Rote, Richard de Totyngtone, Nicholas de Elsinge.

Colmanstrete: John de Hatfeld, William atte Welde. Thomas Pykeman.

Queenhithe: William de Neuport, William Kere.

Bredstrete: John de Walpole.

Aldresgate: John atte Barnette.

Bassieshawe: John de Dallynge, Roger Pycot.

Castle [Baynard]: } No increase.
Vintry: }

Sum total of increase, £160 3*s.* 4*d.*

Contributions by freemen of the City who do not reside therein, viz., by Sir William de la Pole, John Anketel, John Hamond, John Syward, William de Blakeneye de Norwych, John Stonhard, Simon de Bettesdene, skinner, Peter de Guldeford, John le Garlekmongere de Norhamptone, John Pycard, Richard de Coventre de Berewyk, John Blaunchard de Norwych.

Sum total, £48.

Receipts of the aforesaid sum of 3,000 marks, *temp.* Richard Lacer, Mayor, anno 20 Edward III., appear by poll as follows,[1] viz.:— Fo. cxxiv.

Goscelin de Clive, Roger de Ely, Robert de Bredone, Laurence de Braughinge, Henry Cros, Richard de Lamhethe, Gilbert de Steyndrope, William de Rameseye, John de Pastone, William de Grubbelane, Peter Chat, Walter Maundeville and his brother, John Bonet, John Underwode, John Hamond, Andrew Aubrey, John de Caustone, Richard Double, Robert le Ropere, Richard de Evre, Simon Lespicer, John Vivent, John Broun, Nicholas Corpe, John Syward, John de Kyngestone, John Merewe, Isabella de Someresham, Peter Daubeney, Bartholomew Deumars, John de Romeneye, Thomas atte Vine, Sayer Scof, Henry atte Rothe, Richard Smelt, Ralph de Halstede, William Box, John Anketill, John Malewayn, Thomas

[1] The sum subscribed by each individual appears opposite his name, the amounts varying from 20*s.* to £100.

Chaumpyon, Robert de Thorneye, Robert Swote, Stephen Lucas, Hugh de Portesmouthe, Simon Fraunceys, John Lambyn, James Sherman, William de Caustone, William de Pentrye, John Pentrie, Adam de St. Alban, Alan Gille, Roger Carpenter, William Aylleward, Walter de Mordone, Henry de Boseworth, Roger le Peautrer, Bartholomew Chymeu, Adam Fraunceys, Thomas de Brandone, Richard de Basingestoke, Richard de Berkynge, William le Hore, Gilbert Curteys, William de Thorneye, Richard Merk, Thomas Sterre, Roger de Astewode, Reginald de Conduit, Giles Spenser, Gilbert Palmere, John de Refham, Stephen Palmere, John de Ware, John Chaundeler atte Stockes, Thomas atte Rededore, John Rokele, John de Depham, John de Hyngestone, John de Totenham, "chaundeler," John Beseville, Roger Chaundeler, Geoffrey de Wychingham, Thomas atte Wyche, William de Hanhampstede, John de Mockynge, William de Grauntesdene, Janyn Spicer, John Bole, "peleter," Richard de Lyncoln, William de Wyrcestre, William de Grantham, Richard de Carletone, John Oxon', Adam de Bery, John Pecche, William Albon, Thomas de Farnham, Gilbert le Mirourer, Walter Musehacche, Robert de
Fo. cxxiv b. Guldeford, William Palmere, tapicer, Geoffrey de Everdone, John Swyfte, Thomas de Oxon', "coke," Thomas de Cavendisshe, Thomas de Wyncestre, Geoffrey Botiller, William de Aungre, Richard de Mallynge, John de Cavendisshe, John Blanche, Robert "Seint Johan," Thomas Potyn, Robert de Knapwelle, Thomas de Holebeche, Walter de Harewedone, Peter de Westone, John de Brendewode, Stephen atte Holte, Walter Page, John de Bedeford, Walter Neel, John Levelife, Richard Kynge, Simon atte Gate, William Turke, Walter Potyn, John de Kelyngworth, Henry Wymond, William Holebeche, John de Colewelle, Adam Brabasson, Gore Lombard, John de Coggeshale, Richard de Rothinge, Richard le Longe, John Bokbyndere, Richard de Kyselyngbery, Adam Aspal, Ralph de Lynne, Adam Pykeman, Nicholas Punge, Simon de Worstede, John de Croydone, Henry Brenge, John Russel, John Lovekyn, Richard Bacon, John Deynes, Robert de Manhale, James Andreu, John de Tiffeld, John de Podenhale, Walter

Turk, Henry Sterre de Halybourne, Henry atte Strete, John Geffrey, John de Hatfeld, Roger Madour, William de Todenham, Roger de Caumpes, Hugh de St. Neot, Geoffrey de Ware, William Dykeman, William Heyron, Ralph de Cantebregge, Richard de Claverynge, Thomas de Waldene, Richard Ruthyn, John de Dallynge, Roger Pycot, John Youn, Roger de Frowyk, Robert de Shordiche, William de Mordone, Peter de Blithe, John Owayn, Walter atte Conduyt, William de Neuport, William Kere, William de Kent, "tannere," William de Pertenhale, William Palmere, John de Blakwelle, John de Northhalle, William de Cave, John de Herewardestoke, Walter de Bamptone, Richard de Staundone, Agnes Lucas,[1] Thomas Aleyn, John de Kyselyngbery, John de Godestone, John de Craustoke, Andrew de Seccheford, John Husebond, John Moy, Nicholas atte Mersshe, Henry le Fannere, John de Abyndone, Thomas Meel, Roger Osekyn, Henry de Ware, John de Westone, Thomas de Holdene, Thomas de Sharnebroke, John de Cressyngham, Richard de Totingtone, John Berkyng de Colemanstrete, William de Staneford, Simon Dolsely, John Notte, Thomas Canoun, Robert Mareschal, Elyas Musshe, Nicholas Madefrey, William Bernes, John Wygod, Hamo le Barber, Geoffrey de Wyntertone, Stephen de Staneford, William de Derby, John de Stodeye, Robert de Stratford, Simon de Hestone, Richard de Wycombe, Walter de Lincoln, Thomas de Norhamptone, Nicholas de Bedyngtone, Geoffrey Mauner, Nicholas de Caustone, John de Berkynge, senior, John de Walpole, Richard de Gloucestre, "glovere," Nicholas Hotot, Robert de Hannewode, Robert de Wyke, John de Rounhale, Reginald de Thorpe, Nicholas Blake, Hugh de Brandone, Adam Lucas, John de Gildesburgh, William Doget, Ralph Beauflour, Giles de Flore, Henry Darci, Richard Lacer, the Mayor, Nicholas de Elsinge, Robert Gregory, Adam atte Pole, Simon de Mordone, John le Brewere, Matilda Aleyns, John Odyern, John de Bromholme, Walter Paterlynge, William Knight, Matilda atte Vine, Robert de Huntyngdone, John Peyntour, William de Hodesdone, John Smart, John Somer, Fo. cxxv.

[1] One of the very few women that appear in the list.

John de Houlee, John de Toppesfeld, Adam Broun, Thomas de Banham, Nicholas Gurdlere, Richard Deumars, Bartholomew Deumars, junior, John de Thame, William de Hoo, Richard atte Valeye, John atte Belle de Fletestrete, Adam de Walpole, Simon Seman, Robert de Harengeye, Simon Rote, William Payn, William Sporoun, Thomas de Frisbek, James de Thame, Thomas Giles, Richard Chaucer, William de Brikelesworth, John Petit, Nicholas de Bartone, Henry Pycard, John Kynge, "peyntour," Walter de Chirytone, Arnald de Lenne, Stephen Plomer, John Makenheved, Thomas Plomer, Richard Yonge, Thomas de Swanlond, Nicholas de Swanlond, William Blod, John Fynche, Robert de Hatfeld, Roger Hotot, Robert Makeseye, John Devenisshe, Richard de Prestone, John de Bristolle, Robert de Haselingfeld, Richard de Alderne, John Clerk, "blader," John Tornegold, Stephen Mazerer, Robert Russell, William de Gloucestre, William Lyndraper, John de Slappelee, John le Neve, Hereman Skippere, Simon de Pulham,
Fo. cxxv b. William de Bramptone, Thomas Frelond and Nicholas his brother, Simon de Berkynge, Robert le Roo, William Brangwayn, John de Actone, Thomas Broun, John Rous, John Lacer, Richard Saleman, William de Poumfreyt, Thomas Legy, John de Wesenham, John Chaundeler de Grascherche, William de Rothinge, Richard Forester, "dieghere," Robert Hornere, John Moncoy, Walter Bonet, Walter de Lyndewode, Simon de Brunnesford, William Haunsard, John Pycot, John de Gartone, Henry Sterre Anesty [*sic*], Thomas de Ware, Andrew Turk, John de Hyntone, Richard de Elsinge, John Halyday de Bedeford, John de Wyrcestre, Andrew Cros, Alice de Brandone, John de Londenstone, Simon de Brunne, John de Triple, William de Broyntone and his partner, Thomas de Pykenham, John Bretyn, John Dastewyk, John de York, vintner, William Blakeneye de Norwych, John Blaunchard of the same, Thomas de Burtone, William de Cheyham, John de Chichestre, Gilot de Loundres, Roger de Wenlok, Alice de Hakeneye, William Clapitus, Jordan de Elsinge, Richard Rous, William atte Welde, John Pyel.

Sum total received, £2,011 11*s.* 4*d.*

Fo. cxxvi.

De custodia pueror' Thom' Baudry.

Friday after the Feast of St. Margaret [20 July], 20 Edward III. [A.D. 1346], came Richard de Wyke, "draper," the husband of Elena, widow and executrix of Thomas Baudry, plumber (*plombar'*), before Richard Lacer, the Mayor, the Aldermen, and the Chamberlain, and acknowledged that he had the custody of John and Matilda, children of the said Thomas, and of their property,[1] for which he finds sureties, viz., Henry le Fannere, vintner, Thomas Broun, woolmonger, John de Ware, fishmonger, and John de Northburgh, draper.

Custod' Joh'is fil' Nich'i atte Mersshe.

Saturday after the Feast of the Exaltation of Holy Cross [14 Sept.], 20 Edward III. [A.D. 1346], the guardianship of John, son of Nicholas atte Mersshe, late mercer, aged twelve years, committed by Richard Lacer, the Mayor, Roger de Depham, the Recorder, the Aldermen, and the Chamberlain, to John atte Mersshe, uncle of the aforesaid John. Sureties, viz., William de la Panetrie and Henry atte Mersshe, mercers.

Fo. cxxvi b.

Ordinaciones Megucerior' dictor' Whittawyer'.

Ordinances made by the Megucers or "Whittawyers," with the assent of Richard Lacer, the Mayor, and the Aldermen.[2]

Fo. cxxvii.

Acquittance by John, son of John de Worstede, late mercer, to Isabella, widow of Thomas de Worstede, and Simon de Worstede, brother and executor of the said Thomas, for money due to him under the will of the said Thomas,[3] and from Alice his own mother. Dated 8 Oct., 20 Edward III. [A.D. 1346].

Writ to the Sheriffs to make proclamation for the dispatch of men-at-arms (*homines ad arma*), armed men (*armati*), archers, and others to Sandwich by Sunday the 15th October to assist in the siege of Calais. Chargers (*grossi equi*) are to be left behind, as the force would be landed close to Calais. Witness Lionel the King's son, *Custos* of England, at Wyndesore, 3 Oct., 20 Edward III. [A.D. 1346].[4]

[1] The will of Thomas Baudry proved and enrolled in the Husting in May, 1344. 'Cal. of Wills,' i. 473.

[2] Set out in 'Memorials,' pp. 232-234.

[3] See 'Cal. of Wills, Court of Husting, London,' i. 489. Cf. *supra*, pp. 140-1.

[4] A letter to similar effect addressed the same day to Margaret, Countess of Kent, is printed by Rymer ('Fœdera,' vol. iii. pt. i. p. 91).

Proclamation made accordingly on Thursday after the Feast of St. Michael [29 Sept.].

Fo. cxxvii b. Writ to the Sheriffs to make proclamation for providing victuals and munitions of war for the King's service. Witness Lionel the King's son, &c., at Wyndesore, 3 Oct., 20 Edward III. [A.D. 1346].

Proclamation made accordingly.

Writ of Privy Seal to the Mayor and Sheriffs ordering the arrest of all persons found in the City who had left the King's service in France without special permission under the King's Privy Seal. Dated before Caleys, 26 Sept., 20 Edward III. [A.D. 1346].

Writ under the Great Seal to the Sheriffs for the arrest and punishment of those discovered acting contrary to recent ordinances relating to the currency of the realm, viz., the gold noble, of the value of 6*s.* 8*d.*, another coin of the value of 40*d.*, and another of the value of 20*d.* Dated at Wyndesore, 3 Oct., 20 Edward III. [A.D. 1346].

Fo. cxxviii. *De compoto Thome de Maryns Camerar'.* Account rendered by Thomas de Maryns, Chamberlain of the Guildhall, before John de Caustone, Geoffrey de Wychingham, and Adam Brabazon, Aldermen, Richard de Lombhuthe, John de Dallynge, Richard de Basyngestoke, and John de Kelyngworth, commoners, auditors of his account, on the 5th Oct., 20 Edward III. [A.D. 1346], for the term of three years from Michaelmas, 17 Edward III. [A.D. 1343]. Among the items is one of £96 received from Richard de Evre on account of the wharf and houses of St. Botolph.

Fos. cxxviii h–cxxix. *Bedleem extra Bisshopesgate.* Letters patent under the common seal of the City whereby the House and Order of the Knights (*fratrum milicie*) of the Blessed Mary of Bethleem without Bisshopesgate, on the petition of Brother John Matheu, called "de Nortone," are taken under the patronage and protection of the Mayor, Aldermen, &c., of the City of London. Dated 15 Oct., A.D. 1346.[1]

[1] This and the succeeding record appear to have escaped the notice of Stow, Newcourt, and others. They clearly show that the City enjoyed the patronage of the Hospital of Bethlem long before the time of Henry VIII.

Agreement between Richard Lacer, the Mayor, and the citizens of London and Brother John Matheu, called "de Nortone," the Master, and the brethren of the House of the Knights of the Blessed Mary of Bethleem, touching the manner of election of two Aldermen on St. Matthew's Day after the election of Sheriffs in each year, their status and order of precedence, their duties, &c., in connexion with the maintenance and government of the said house according to the terms of the above letters patent. Dated under the common seals of the respective parties at the Guildhall, 20 Oct., A.D. 1346.

Fo. cxxix b.

Bedlem.

Grant by Richard Lacer, the Mayor, the Aldermen, and the rest of the citizens to Henry de Aumbresbury, "cordewaner," of the custody of the gate on London Bridge during good behaviour. Dated Monday before the Feast of SS. Simon and Jude [28 Oct.], 20 Edward III. [A.D. 1346].

Fo. cxxx.

Concessio porte super Pontem London' Henr' de Aumbresbury cordewaner.

Writ to the Mayor and Sheriffs to make proclamation against the exportation of corn otherwise than to the King's army at Caleys and parts of Flanders and Gascony. Witness Leonel the King's son, &c., at Westminster, 30 Oct., 20 Edward III. [A.D. 1346].[1]

Quod frumentum non ducatur extra regnum nisi ad certa loca etc.

Letters patent appointing William Scot, Richard de Kelleshulle, Geoffrey de Wychingham, the Mayor of London, Henry de Grene, and William de Nottone, or any four, three, or two of them (the Mayor being one), to be commissioners for gaol delivery of Neugate. Witness Leonel the King's son, &c., at Wyndesore, 10 Nov., 20 Edward III. [A.D. 1346].

Fo. cxxx b.

Grant by John, son of John de Refham, late Alderman, and Matilda his wife to Richard Skarlet, mercer, and Margaret his wife, of a certain mansion and shop situate near Westchepe, in the parish of St. Pancras near Soperislane; to hold the same for the term of their lives at an annual rent of 113*s.* 4*d.* Geoffrey de Wychingham, Mayor, John de Croydone and William Clapitus, Sheriffs. Witnesses, William de Caustone, Adam Fraunceys, John de Colewelle, William de Elsinge, William

Script' Ric'i Scarlet et ux'is ejus per Joh'em de Refham et ux'm ejus.

[1] The writ is printed in Delpit's 'Collection Générale des Documents Français qui se trouvent en Angleterre,' p. 72.

Botoner, Henry atte Rothe, William Credyl, clerk, and others [not named]. Dated Wednesday the Feast of All Saints [1 Nov.], 20 Edward III. [A.D. 1346].

Acknowledged before Roger de Depham, Alderman, and the Chamberlain on Wednesday after the Feast of St. Martin [11 Nov.].

Fo. cxxxi.

Bona legata Ed'o fil' Joh'is Cosyn quondam lanar' London'.

Securitas facta pro predictis bonis.

Friday the morrow of Souls [2 Nov.], 20 Edward III. [A.D. 1346], came Johanna, late wife of John Cosyn, woolmonger, before Geoffrey de Wychingham, the Mayor, Roger de Depham, the Recorder, and Thomas de Maryns, the Chamberlain, and acknowledged that she held the property left by the said John[1] to Edmund his son, in trust until the said Edmund came of age. Sureties, viz., Thomas atte Vine, woolmonger, and Robert Chauntour, "whittawyere."

Fo. cxxxi b.

Ball'i Telar'.

Monday after the Feast of St. Katherine [25 Nov.], 20 Edward III. [A.D. 1346], John Payn, "webbe," and William le Cook, "webbe," elected bailiffs of Weavers for the year ensuing before Geoffrey de Wychingham, the Mayor, and the Aldermen.

Lease by Agnes de Beverle, daughter of John de Beverle, late mercer, to James de Thame and Alice his wife of an annual quitrent charged on tenements formerly belonging to John de Beverle, goldsmith, brother of the said Agnes, and now held by John de Walpol, goldsmith, in the parish of All Hallows de Bredestrete; to hold the same for a term of nine years from Christmas, 20 Edward III. Geoffrey de Wychingham, Mayor, John de Croydone and William Clapitus, Sheriffs. Witnesses, John de Tiffeld, John de Walpol, John de Draytone, William Clerk of Wodestrete, and others [not named]. Dated Tuesday after the Feast of St. Hillary [13 Jan.], 20 Edward III. [A.D. 1346–7].

sol. ij*s.* vj*d.*

Acknowledged before John de Caustone, Alderman, and Thomas de Maryns, the Chamberlain, the day and year aforesaid.

[1] The will of John Cosyn was proved and enrolled in the Husting in October, 1330. 'Calendar of Wills,' i. 360.

Fo. cxxxii.

De quadam placea cons' eccl'ie beate Marie de Wolchircherchehawe [sic].

Wednesday the eve of SS. Peter and Paul [29 June], 20 Edward III. [A.D. 1346], grant by Richard Lacer, the Mayor, with the assent of the Aldermen and the whole Commonalty, to the church of St. Mary de Wolchirchehawe in perpetuity of a plot of land extending from the house of "les Stokkes" up to the gate of the churchyard and situate at the east end of the church, being 7½ feet long on the north side and 4½ feet on the south.

Securitas facta pro bonis legat' Rob'to fil' Joh'ne de Wandlesworth

Tuesday before the Feast of St. Lucia [13 Dec.], 20 Edward III. [A.D. 1346], came John de Braughynge, one of the executors of John de Prestone, late corder, before Geoffrey de Wychingham, the Mayor, Roger de Depham, the Recorder, and Thomas de Maryns, the Chamberlain, and acknowledged that he held the sum of £40 left to Robert, son of Johanna de Wandlesworth, by the said John de Prestone,[1] in trust for the said Robert during his minority. Surety, viz., Gilbert le Palmere.

Afterwards, viz., on Monday after the Feast of St. Lucia [13 Dec.], 21 Edward III. [A.D. 1347], the aforesaid Gilbert paid to the said Robert the sum of £10 for his apprenticeship and other necessaries, in the presence of Thomas Legy, the Mayor, Geoffrey de Wychingham and Roger de Depham, Aldermen, and Thomas de Maryns, the Chamberlain.

Afterwards came Hervey de Lincoln, apothecary, executor of the aforesaid Robert, and acknowledged that he had received all the aforesaid property for the fulfilment of the will of the said Robert, and granted a release to John de Braughynge and Gilbert le Palmere his surety, viz., before the aforesaid Geoffrey and the Chamberlain on Thursday the morrow of the Annunciation [25 March], 23 Edward III. [A.D. 1349].

Cons' etat' Joh'is fil' Joh'is de Prestone.

At a congregation of the Mayor and Aldermen in the Chamber of the Guildhall on Saturday after the Feast of St. Lucia [13 Dec.], 20 Edward III. [A.D. 1346], there being present Geoffrey de Wychyngham, the Mayor, Andrew Aubrey, John

[1] The name of Robert, son of Johanna de Wandlesworth (who was the testator's servant), does not appear in the will of John de Prestone as proved and enrolled in the Husting in November, 1339. 'Cal. of Wills,' i. 435.

Hamond, Richard Lacer, Roger de Depham, John de Caustone, Thomas Leggy, Richard de Berkyngge, John de la Rokele, and Adam Brabazon, came John, son of John de Prestone, late Mayor of the City, and claimed delivery of the goods, &c., left to him by his father, he being now of full age. After personal examination of the claimant and evidence taken as to his age, it was agreed that the goods, &c., should be delivered to him.

Fo. cxxxii b.

Carta Comitis Hereford per d'num Joh'em de Pulteneye militem.

Grant by John de Pulteneye, Knt., to Humphrey de Bohun, Earl of Hereford and Essex, of the whole of his tenement called "Coldherberwe,"[1] with wharf, &c., formerly belonging to Robert de Hereford, and situate in the lane called "Heywharflane," in the parish of All Hallows at the Hay; to hold the same for life, paying yearly a rose at Midsummer. Witnesses, Geoffrey de Wychingham, the Mayor, William "Claptus" and John de Croydone, the Sheriffs, Roger de Depham, the Recorder, Andrew Aubrey, Henry Darcy, John Hamond, John Syward, and others [not named]. Dated Wednesday the Feast of St. Valentine [14 Feb.], 21 Edward III. [A.D. 1346–7].

Writ to Richard Lacer, late Mayor, and Edmund de Hemenhale and John de Gloucestre, late Sheriffs, to deliver up the goods of Lodewyc Bochel, Francis Bochel, "Bonanici" Loupre, "Skyati" de Sklates, "Ganichii" de Gynysano, and "Laudi" (or "Ludi") Bardoyl, merchants of Luca, recently seized by the King's order by reason of the unlawful imprisonment of Robert, son of Thomas de Bradestone, and John de St. Philbert at the city of Pisa. Witness Leonel the King's son, *Custos* of England, at Redynge, 6 Feb., 21 Edward III. [A.D. 1346–7].

Br'e d'ni Regis pro consilio h'endo de navibus supra mare ordinand'.

Writ to the Mayor and Sheriffs for four citizens to attend a Council to be held at Westminster on Wednesday after the third Sunday in Lent, to consult about the state of the navy. Witness Leonel the King's son, &c., at Redynge [15 Feb.], 21 Edward III. [A.D. 1346–7].[2]

[1] Particulars of this well-known residence of Sir John de Pulteney as well as of "the manor of the Rose" (another of his mansions in the same vicinity) have been given by Philip Norman, Esq., F.S.A., in a paper read before the Society of Antiquaries on the 13th December, 1900. See 'Archæol.,' vol. lvii.

[2] Rymer, 'Fœdera,' vol. iii. pt. i. p. 105.

Writ to the Mayor and Sheriffs to detain all ships in the Port of London for the King's service abroad. Witness Leonel the King's son, &c., at Redynge, 15 Feb., 21 Edward III. [A.D. 1346–7]. Fo. cxxxiii. *Br'e pro navibus arestand'.*

Tuesday before the Feast of Conversion of St. Paul [25 Jan.], 20 Edward III. [A.D. 1346–7], information being given to Geoffrey de Wichyngham, the Mayor, and the Aldermen, to the effect that Thomas atte Crouche, spurrier, had recently built (*jam de novo edificavit*) upon a plot of land adjoining the City Wall near the Preaching Friars within Ludgate to the prejudice of the Commonalty, the building was inspected on the following Friday by the said Mayor and by Reginald de Conduit, Henry Darcy, Andrew Aubrey, Simon Fraunceys, John Hamond, Richard Lacer, Roger de Depham, William de Thorneye, Bartholomew Deumars, William de Caustone, John Rokel [*sic*], John de Caustone, William de Pountfreyt, Walter Turk, John Syward, Adam Brabazon, and Richard de Berkyngge, Aldermen, and it being found to have been built without licence of the Mayor and Commonalty, and to be to the prejudice of the Commonalty and the Preaching Friars and to the disturbance of the perambulation of the City, whenever that took place, it was ordered to be abated. *Quedam shedda facta juxta Ludgate prostrat'.*

Grant by John de Ormesby, "fermer" of the manor of Sandone, co. Herts, to Richard de la Brewere of St. Paul's, London, and to John Leche, fishmonger, of all his goods, &c., in the said county. Witnesses, John Syward and William de Bernes, fishmongers, William de Ippegrave, goldsmith, John de Lancaster, and Robert de Allertone. Dated in the Ward of Castle Baynard on Monday in the first week of Lent, 21 Edward III. [A.D. 1347]. *Script' Ric'i del Brewern' et Joh'is Leche per Joh'em de Ormesby.* ij*s.* vj*d.*

Writ to the Mayor, Sheriffs, and the whole Commonalty of the City of London, directing them to prepare two large ships, each of them manned with sixty well-armed seamen and twenty archers, and dispatch them to Sandwich by Easter Monday at the latest, the said ships to form part of a fleet of 120 vessels under the Admiral of the West, and to be paid for by a certain subsidy of wool and merchandise granted from the 18th March Fo. cxxxiii b.

next until the morrow of St. Michael by the prelates, magnates, and good men of the marine of the kingdom assembled in Council at Westminster on the 3rd March last.[1] Witness Leonel the King's son, &c., at Redingge, 15 March, 21 Edward III. [A.D. 1346–7]

Lease by Thomas, son of Thomas Hauteyn, late pepperer, and Johanna his wife, to William de Holbeche, draper, of a certain tenement in the parish of St. Benedict Shorhog, situate near the tenements of Thomas Carpenter and John de Gisors; to hold the same for a term of ten years from Easter [1 April], 21 Edward III., at an annual rent of 10 marks. Witnesses, Roger Carpenter, Thomas de Holebeche, John de Coggeshale, Nicholas Guillem, William Peautrer, Richard "Monoye Coco,"[2] and Peter de Tilneye. Dated Friday before the Annunciation B. M. [25 March], 21 Edward III. [A.D. 1346–7].

sol. ij*s.* vj*d.*

Fo. cxxxiv.

Lease by the same to the same of certain houses in the same parish situate near "Newestrete," and the tenement of Gilbert le Freynsshe called "Curteys"; to hold for a term of twenty years at an annual rent of 40*s.* Witnesses, Roger Carpenter, Thomas de Holbeche, John de Coggeshale, Nicholas Guillem, William Peautrer, Richard "Moneie Coco," and Peter de Tilneie. Dated Easter Day [1 April], 21 Edward III. [A.D. 1347].

sol. ij*s.* vj*d.*

Fo. cxxxiv b.

Manuc' de pace.

Friday before the Annunciation B. M. [25 March], 20 Edward III. [A.D. 1345–6], sureties found before Geoffrey de Wychingham, the Mayor, and Aldermen by the aforesaid [*sic*] Nigel for keeping the peace with John Cokenaye de Stratford, viz., William de Iford, Henry Wyliot, Adam de Acres, Walter de Billyngham, Nicholas de Horewode, and Simon de Kelshulle.

De lagenis potell' et quartis et de mens' eorumdem.

Wednesday before the Feast of St. Peter in Cathedra [22 Feb.], 21 Edward III. [A.D. 1346–7], the makers of wooden measures for wine and ale, called "turnours," summoned to

[1] There was no Parliament in 1347, but the Regent held a Council at which the commons were not represented, when a loan of 20,000 sacks of wool was granted. Stubbs, 'Const. Hist.,' ii. 397.

[2] *Vide supra*, p. 110n.

appear before the Mayor and Aldermen on the following Friday, when there appeared Robert le Disshere de Wodestrete, John le Turnour upon Lothebury, William Gidyheved of Estchepe, William de Aylesbury of Estchepe, Thomas le Turnour on Cornhulle, Thomas le Turnour of Sholane, and John de Selham, servant of Ralph le Disshere of Wodestrete. Thereupon injunctions were given to them (*inter alia*) for each to have a mark of his own, the same to be placed on the bottom of every measure, and samples of such marks were to be brought in and delivered to Thomas de Maryns, the Chamberlain, by Thursday after the Feast of SS. Perpetua and Felicitas [7 March], which marks appear at the end of this book.[1]

Letter from Pope Clement [VI.] to the King, who had sat down before Calais, exhorting him to make peace with France. Dated at Avignon, xviii. Kal. Feb. [15 Jan.], the fifth year of his Pontificate [A.D. 1346–7].[2] Fo. cxxxv. *L'ra d'ni sum'i Pontificis directa d'no Regi existenti apud obsidium ville de Caleys.*

The King's reply to the above, justifying his own action and condemning that of the French King. [No date.] *Responsio l're predicte.*

Acquittance by Richard le Meleward of Great Merlawe,[3] blader, and Margaret his wife, for the sum of 30 marks paid by Walter de Merseye, blader, and Cecilia his wife, by way of three years' rent for certain tenements in the parish of St. Michael de Bassieshawe. Geoffrey de Wychingham, Mayor, John de Croydone and William Clapitus, Sheriffs. Witnesses, John de Tiffeld, Gilbert Palmere, Nicholas atte Rothe, William de Aungre, Roger Peautrer, and John de Draytone. Dated 2 May, 21 Edward III. [A.D. 1347]. Fo. cxxxv b. *sol.* ij*s.* vj*d.*

Tuesday after the Feast of St. Pancras [12 May], 21 Edward III. [A.D. 1347], came Robert de Thame, mercer, before Geoffrey de Wychingham, the Mayor, and William Clapitus Fo. cxxxvi.

[1] 'Memorials,' pp. 234-5. The marks appear *infra* on fo. ccxxxviii.

[2] This letter and the King's reply are printed with translations in the 'Gesta Edwardi Tertii' of Robert de Avesbury (Rolls Series, No. 93), i. 377-82. Translations are also to be found in Barnes's 'Hist. of Edward III.,' pp. 390-92.

[3] Great Marlow, co. Bucks.

and John de Croydone, Sheriffs, and agreed to indemnify William de Breyntone and William de Watford, fishmongers, against Bartholomew de Draytone de "Est Jernemuthe" and all others on account of a seizure of twenty-four barrels of iron called "Osemund" in the possession of the said Bartholomew, which barrels were claimed by William Godwet, "draper" de Waldyngge, as his property.

Custodia Alicie filie Will'i Doo.

Monday after the Feast of St. Petronilla [31 May], 21 Edward III. [A.D. 1347], came John Doune, leather merchant, before Reginald de Conduit, Alderman, and Thomas de Maryns, the Chamberlain, and acknowledged himself guardian of Alice, daughter of William Doo, late leather merchant, aged ten years, and of her property under her father's will,[1] and found sureties for his conduct, viz., William Spark, armourer, and Cambin Petewardyn, leather merchant.

Fo. cxxxvi b.

The names of those chosen in their respective Wards at a congregation of the Mayor, Aldermen, and an immense Commonalty held on Wednesday in the first week of Lent, 21 Edward III. [A.D. 1347], to come to the Guildhall, when warned, on matters affecting the City.[2]

Fo. cxxxvii.

Script' Abb'is et Convent' de Sancto Albano per Hawysiam de Shordiche.

Lease by Hawysia de Shordiche, widow of John de Shordiche, saddler, and daughter of Hugh de Blithe,[3] late "fuster," to the Abbot and Convent of St. Alban of certain shops in the parish of St. Alphege in Wodestrete, situate near the property of William Payn and the Abbot and Convent of Lesnes; to hold the same for a term of thirty years. Geoffrey de Wychingham, Mayor, John de Croydone and William Clapitus, Sheriffs, William de Pounfreyt, Alderman of the Ward.[4]

sol. ij*s.* vj*d.*

Witnesses, William Payn, Gilbert le Kervere, Roger de Mymmes, John Brokke, and William Clerk. Dated 27 May [A.D. 1347].

[1] Will proved and enrolled in the Husting in January, 1347. 'Cal. of Wills,' i. 491.

[2] The names (133 in number) which follow have been printed in the 'Memorials' (pp. liii-lv) as designating those who constituted the first Common Council elected in the City.

[3] His will proved and enrolled in the Husting in February, 1315.

[4] Cripplegate.

Acknowledged before Geoffrey de Wychingham, Mayor, and Thomas de Maryns, the Chamberlain, Friday, 1 June, 21 Edward III. [A.D. 1347].

Writ to the Sheriffs for proclamation to be made against the exportation of wool before the King shall have levied 20,000 sacks of wool granted to him for carrying on the war with France.[1] Witness Leonel the King's son, &c., at Redynge, 24 May, 21 Edward III. [A.D. 1347].

Agreement between the Master and Brethren of the House and Order of the Knights of St. Mary of Bethleem and Robert Haunsard and Thomas Gentil, junior, touching a certain chamber with solar and cellar within the close of the moat [*mote*] of the said House, which the said Robert and Thomas are to enjoy with certain limitations and subject to certain payments, including an annual sum of 3*s*. to the Prioress and Nuns of St. Elena for the hall called "le Stapeledehalle."[2] Dated the eve of the Assumption [15 Aug.], A.D. 1346. Witnesses, Thomas de Maryns, the Chamberlain, John de Waltham, Peter de Hakeneye, Geoffrey Sergeant, Geoffrey le Whitawyere, and Thomas le Barbier. Fo. cxxxvii b.

Afterwards, viz., on Monday after the Ascension [6 May], 24 Edward III. [A.D. 1350], it was testified by William de Greyngham, a serjeant, that Brother John de Nortone, Master of the House of St. Mary de Bethleem, had died. Thereupon the said William was ordered to take the said House, &c., into the City's hands, and to answer to the Chamberlain for its issues. On the following Monday came Robert Haunsard, fishmonger, to whom the said Brother John had demised the said House, &c., for a term of years, as appeared from an indenture produced, and asked to be allowed to enjoy his term, and it was granted.

[1] *Vide supra*, p. 160n.

[2] In the parish of All Hallows, Barking.

Fo. cxxxviii.

Br'e quod nullus refutet monetam aur' in solu'oib' neque pro mercandisis emend' vel vendend' etc.

Writ to the Mayor and Sheriffs for proclamation to be made against refusing the currency struck at the Tower, viz., the gold noble, of the value of 6*s.* 8*d.*, and pieces of the value respectively of 40 pence and 20 pence. Dated at Redynge, 28 June, 21 Edward III. [A.D. 1347].

Abrocar' electus in mestero Pellipar'.

Wednesday after the Feast of SS. Peter and Paul [29 June], 21 Edward III. [A.D. 1347], Richard de Oxon' elected broker for the mistery of Skinners, *loco* Walter de Cornewaylle, deceased, by assent of John de Bedeford, William de Cave, Richard de Carletone, Laurence Sely, Adam de Aspal, John de Oxon', John Bole, and William de Bradelee, skinners, before Geoffrey de Wychingham, the Mayor, and the Aldermen.

Breve pro auro Regine.

Writ to the Sheriffs of London and Middlesex to levy on the goods and chattels of the Mayor, Sheriffs, and other men of the City the sum of 50 marks, the said sum being due to the Queen in respect of 500 marks paid for obtaining an exoneration for certain hoblers; also on the goods and chattels of men of the county of Middlesex the sum of 4 marks due to the Queen in respect of 40 marks paid for a like favour. Witness Robert de Sadyngtone at Westminster, 13 July, 21 Edward III. [A.D. 1347].

Fo. cxxxviii b.

sol. ij*s.* vj*d.*

Lease by Sir Thomas de Useflete, Dean of the church of St. Martin le Grand, and Chapter of the same, to Roger de Forsham and Alice his wife of a certain shop in Sopereslane, in the parish of St. Pancras, for a term of twenty years. Dated 15 July, 21 Edward III. [A.D. 1347].

Acknowledged before Geoffrey de Wychingham, the Mayor, and Thomas de Maryns, the Chamberlain, Sunday before the Feast of St. Margaret [20 July].

De quodam affrayo.

Pleas held before Geoffrey de Wychingham, the Mayor, the Sheriffs, and the Aldermen, Wednesday after the Feast of the Translation of St. Thomas the Martyr [7 July], 21 Edward III. [A.D. 1347], to inquire who caused an affray in the Ward of Bassieshawe on Thursday before the said Feast. The jurors, viz., Roger le Latoner, John Colman, William Hasel, William Bernard, Henry le Smith, Peter Walkelyn, John Flemyng, Thomas

de Sandhirst, Robert Barremakere, William atte Hull, John Webbe, and Henry de Parys, find that John de Hoghton, armourer, caused the affray by attacking William de Farneberwe, armourer, with a knife. Thereupon he was adjudged to be committed to prison for forty days or pay half a mark to Thomas de Maryns, the Chamberlain. The money paid.

Dimidium marc' ad opus co'itatis.

Fo. cxxxix.

Pleas held before Geoffrey de Wychingham, the Mayor, John de Croydone and William Clapitus, the Sheriffs, Reginald de Conduit, Andrew Aubrey, John Hamond, Simon Fraunceys, Roger de Depham, Thomas Legy, and the rest of the Aldermen [not named], Friday before the Feast of the Translation of St. Thomas the Martyr [7 July], 21 Edward III. [A.D. 1347], when John de Burstall was charged by John Capron, who prosecuted on the City's behalf, with having on that day caused two bushels of his own wheat to be secretly carried to the corn market at Grascherche, where he publicly affeered it (*afforavit*) at 2*d.* a bushel over the market price, to the deception of the people and the enhancement of the price of corn, thereby causing damage to the Commonalty to the extent of £1,000, &c. The said John comes and defends the contempt, damage, &c., and says he is not guilty. Both parties claim a jury. The jurors, drawn from the neighbourhood of Grascherche, viz., Henry atte Beche, "bocher," Philip de Grascherche, "sadeler," John de Aldenham, William le Fourbour, Gilbert de Suttone, William atte Hill, cordwainer, Walter Caux, Robert le Taverner, William de Coventre, cordwainer, John de Meltone, "sadeler," William le Cook, and Robert le Mareschal, find him guilty. Therefore it is adjudged that he be committed to prison for forty days.[1]

Quidam commissus prisone pro eo quod afforavit bladum suum proprium ad carist' bladi ibidem remansur' per xl. dies.

The same day it was agreed by the Mayor, Sheriffs, and Aldermen, with the consent of the Commonalty, that in future the punishment for such an offence should be the pillory.[2]

Ordinacio pro consimilib' ponend' super collistrigium.

The King's writ for proclamation to be made for the dispatch of men-at-arms, archers, victuals, &c., to Calais with all speed, as information had reached him that the French

[1] 'Memorials,' pp. 235-6.

[2] *Ibid.*, p. 236.

King had mustered his forces at "Hedyn"[1] on Tuesday, the 17th July, preparatory to an attack. [No date.]

Proclamation made accordingly, Thursday after the Feast of St. James [25 July], 21 Edward III. [A.D. 1347].

Fo. cxxxix b.

De lanis regi concessis ad guerram manutenend'.

Letters patent appointing John de Bedeford and Adam Lucas commissioners to raise a portion of the 20,000 sacks of wool recently granted to the King[2] for carrying on the war with France. Witness Leonel the King's son, &c., at Redinge, 8 March, 21 Edward III. [A.D. 1346–7].

Fo. cxl.

Writ to the Mayor and Sheriffs to make proclamation for the speedy dispatch of victuals for the King's army before Calais, inasmuch as the French King, with an immense force, had pitched his tents within three miles preparatory to an attack. Witness Leonel the King's son, &c., at Redynge, 23 July, 21 Edward III. [A.D. 1347].[3]

Proclamation made accordingly, Saturday after the Feast of St. James [25 July].

Writ of Privy Seal to the same that they forthwith fit out the best ship of the City with eighty armed men on board, and dispatch it to the King's fleet lying off Calais.[4] Dated before Calais, 9th Aug. [A.D. 1347].

Fo. cxl b.

Pleas held before Geoffrey de Wychingham, the Mayor, and the Aldermen, Tuesday after the Feast of St. James [25 July], 21 Edward III. [A.D. 1347]—Walter le Thresshere attached to answer a charge of having affeered (*afforavit*) his own corn in the market at Neugate at $3\frac{1}{2}d.$ more than the market price, to the damage to the Commonalty of £2,000. The said Walter comes and defends the contempt, &c., and says he is not guilty and puts himself upon the country, and William de Iford, who prosecutes for the Commonalty, likewise. The jurors, viz., Elyas Fraunceys, John Chaundeler, John White, Richard Pursere, Geoffrey Cook, John de Gippewyc, William Sherman, John de Ely, "shethere," Richard atte Hulle, Stephen Plomer,

[1] Hesdin, on the Canche.

[2] *Vide supra*, p. 160n., 163.

[3] Printed in Delpit, *op. cit.*, p. 74.

[4] The town had already (3 Aug.) capitulated. Printed in Delpit, *op. cit.*, p. 75.

William Clerk, and John atte Hyde, find the said Walter guilty. Therefore he is adjudged the punishment of the pillory.[1]

Judicium collistrigii.

Writ to the Sheriffs to make proclamation for merchants and others desirous of taking up their residence in the town of Caleys, recently come into the King's hands, to arrive before the 1st September next, when accommodation at a low rent would be provided for them, &c. Witness Leonel the King's son, &c., at Redynge, 12 Aug., 21 Edward III. [A.D. 1347].[2]

Custodia Ric'i fil' Steph'i le Mazerer.

Tuesday the eve of the Assumption [15 Aug.], 21 Edward III. [A.D. 1347], came Alice, widow of Stephen le Mazerer, before Geoffrey de Wychingham, the Mayor, the Aldermen, and Thomas de Maryns, the Chamberlain, and acknowledged herself guardian of Richard, son of the said Stephen, and of his patrimony, and she found sureties, viz., Simon atte Gate, "bocher," and John de Thorneye, "paternostrer."

Fo. cxli.

Securitas pro xi*l.* vjs. ij*d. ob' ad op' Joh'is fil' Steph'i le Mazerer.*

Tuesday the eve of the Assumption [15 Aug.], 21 Edward III. [A.D. 1347], came John le Mazerer and acknowledged that he held certain moneys in trust for John, son of Stephen le Mazerer. Sureties, viz., John atte Barnette and John de Wendovere, vintner.

Br'e contra captores et provisores hospicii d'ni Regis.

Writ to the Sheriffs to make proclamation that no purveyor of the King's household take anything without payment, and that those who had suffered loss at the hands of such purveyors since the Feast of St. Peter ad Vincula [1 Aug.] last past should go before the Chancellor and Treasurer, who would render satisfaction. Witness Leonel the King's son, &c., at Redynge, 20 Aug., 21 Edward III. [A.D. 1347].

Fo. cxli b.

Br'e quod homines ad arma armati et sagittar' se festinant versus Caleys ad d'um Regem.

Writ to the Sheriffs to make proclamation for the immediate return to France of those who had quitted the army before Caleys and returned to England for recreation or other cause; so that they be at Caleys by Sunday before the Feast of the Nativity B. M. [8 Sept.], a ready passage being provided for them at Sandwych and Dover. Witness Leonel the King's son, &c., at Gloucestre, 20 Aug., 21 Edward III. [A.D. 1347].[3]

[1] Pursuant to a recent resolution. *Vide supra*, p. 165.

[2] Rymer, 'Fœdera,' vol. iii. pt. i. p. 130; Delpit, *op. cit.*, p. 75.

[3] Rymer, 'Fœdera,' vol. iii. pt. i. p. 130.

Proclamation made accordingly, Saturday the morrow of St. Bartholomew [24 Aug.].

Be it remembered that on Friday the Feast of the Exaltation of Holy Cross [14 Sept.], 21 Edward III. [A.D. 1347], a certain stranger drew his sword in the churchyard of St. Laurence for the purpose of striking a fugitive to the said church. He was therefore seized and committed to prison until he paid the sum of half a mark to the use of the Commonalty, according to the ordinance.

Md quod Maior p'sentabit unum presbiterum in eccl'ia de Clerkenwell.

Letter from Geoffrey de Wychingham, the Mayor, under the mayoralty seal, to Nicholas de Hales, Prior of the Church of the Hospital of St. John at Clerkenewell, nominating John de Wroxtone to the perpetual chantry then vacant in the said church, the presentation to which fell to the said Mayor, and asking the said Prior to admit the said chaplain and provide him with food, stipend, &c., according to the terms of the covenant made with the City by Philip de Thame, a former Prior, and Brethren of the Hospital under their seal. Dated 12 Sept., A.D. 1347.

Letters patent by the above Nicholas de Hales admitting the above chaplain to the perpetual chantry founded by Sir William de Langeford[1] in the church of the said Priory. Dated at Clerkenewelle, 16 Sept., A.D. 1347.

Fo. cxlii.

Custodia Elizabeth' filie Aubrey Goubbe.

Thursday after the Feast of St. Michael [29 Sept.], 21 Edward III. [A.D. 1347], the guardianship of Elizabeth, daughter of "Aubrey" Goubbe, committed by the Mayor, Aldermen, and the Chamberlain to William de Hockelee and Elicia his wife, mother of the said Elizabeth.[2] Sureties, viz., Nicholas Madefrey and Thomas Frere, fishmongers.

[1] *Vide supra*, p. 116.

[2] The sum of 10 marks is recorded as having been bequeathed to Elizabeth by Margery Goubbe (to remain in the hands of John de Fremyngham during minority), but the latter's relationship (if any) to Aubrey Goubbe is not stated. The money had been paid into the Chamber by Roger de Kyngeshorne and Margery his wife, late wife of the said John de Fremyngham.

Acquittance by Richard atte More de Wyndesore, called "de Saneford," dyer, and Katherine his wife, daughter of Cristina Telmestere,[1] to William Bryan, pepperer, and Thomas, son of the said Cristina, executors of the said Cristina, for money and goods due to the said Katherine under her mother's will. Dated 17 Oct., A.D. 1347. Witnesses, John de Stanhope, Nicholas Corp, Roger Osekyn, Laurence de Halywell, Robert de Hatfeld, and others [not named].

Acquietanc' Will'i Bryan et Thom' fil' Cristine Telmestere de £x.

At a congregation of the Mayor, Aldermen, and entire Commonalty, held at the Guildhall on Friday the Feast of St. Matthew [21 Sept.], 21 Edward III. [A.D. 1347], Adam Brabasson elected Sheriff by the Mayor, and Richard de Basingestoke, goldsmith, by the Commonalty.

De vicecom' electis.

At the same congregation it was adjudged that John Fitz Walter, who renewed a claim to exercise certain franchises within the Ward of Castle Baynard,[2] should have no franchise within the City, nor in future intermeddle in any Pleas in the Guildhall nor other matters affecting the franchise of the City.[3]

Contra lib'tates d'ni Joh'is fil' Wautier quas clam' infra lib'tatem civitatis habere.

Articles of the "Heaumers" approved by Geoffrey de Wychingham, the Mayor, and the Aldermen at the suit and request of the folks of the mistery.[4]

Fo. cxlii b.

Les articles des Heaumers.

Monday after the Feast of St. Luke [18 Oct.], 21 Edward III. [A.D. 1347], Robert de Shirwode, Richard Bridde, and Thomas Canoun elected and sworn Wardens of the said mistery.

Acquittance by Nicholas de Actone, goldsmith, son of Nicholas de Actone, clerk,[5] to Nicholas Corp, pepperer, for the sum of 20 marks due to him under his father's will, which sum had been delivered to the said Nicholas Corp by Hugh de "Bramptone," his father's executor. Dated 21 Oct., 21 Edward III. [A.D. 1347].

Fo. cxliii.

Acquietanc' Nich'i de Acton' aur' factum Nich'o Corp. sol. ijs. vj*d.*

[1] Her will proved and enrolled in the Husting in November, 1343, where she is described as late wife of Walter de Heston. 'Cal. of Wills,' . 469.

[2] As to these claims see Introd., 'Liber Cust.,' pp. lxxvi-lxxxiv.

[3] 'Memorials,' pp. 236-7.

[4] *Ibid.*, pp. 237-8.

[5] Probably Nicholas de Actone, parson of the church of Wistanstow, co. Salop, whose will (dated 18 Jan., 1336-7) was proved and enrolled in the Husting on the 25th Jan., 1338-9, one of the executors being Hugh de "Bromptone." No mention is made in the will of his son Nicholas. 'Cal. of Wills,' i. 430-1.

Acknowledged before Geoffrey de Wychingham, the Mayor, and Thomas de Maryns, the Chamberlain, Wednesday after the Feast of St. Luke [18 Oct.].

Lease by Thomas, son of Gregory de Fulham, to Adam de la Pole, "stokfisshmongere," of a tenement in the parish of St. Michael de la Crokedelane, in Thames Street, for a term of twenty years, at an annual rent of 10 marks. Witnesses, Walter de Mordone, John Lovekyn, Ralph de Lenne, John Olyver, John Gubbe, Nicholas de Harewedone, clerk, and others [not named]. Dated 16 July, 21 Edward III. [A.D. 1347].

sol. ij*s.* vj*d.*

Acknowledged before John Lovekyn, Alderman, and Thomas de Maryns, the Chamberlain, Tuesday after the Feast of St. Luke [18 Oct.].

Fo. cxliii b.

Indenture of defeasance of a certain letter of statute-merchant in the sum of £120 in favour of the above Adam on condition of his being allowed an additional term of fifty years in the above tenement. Witnesses as above. Dated 20 July, 21 Edward III. [A.D. 1347].

sol. ij*s.* vj*d.*

Fo. cxliv.

Br'e quod blada non ducantur extra regnum.

Writ to the Sheriffs to make proclamation against the exportation of corn except only to Caleys. Witness the King at Westminster, 16 Oct., 21 Edward III. [A.D. 1347].

Proclamation made accordingly on Wednesday the eve of All Saints [1 Nov.].

Fo. cxliv b.

Recognizance of debt by Edmund, son of John de Mundene de Shordiche, to William de Caustone, mercer, of the sum of £20. Dated 22 Oct., 21 Edward III. [A.D. 1347]. Witnesses, John de Caustone, Edmund de Hemenhale, Adam Fraunceys, Giles Spenser, William de Tudenham, William de la Panetrie, Simon de Worthstede, and others [not named].

Nil quia ald'.

Acknowledged before John de Caustone, Alderman, Wednesday the eve of All Saints [1 Nov.].

Obligacio facta Ade de Home per Will'm de Grantesdene.

A bond entered into by William de Grantesdene, mercer, in the sum of £169 in favour of Adam de Home, merchant, of Wenlok, co. Salop. Dated 7 Nov., A.D. 1347. Witnesses, John Morlee, Roger atte Vine, Hugh atte Boure, John de Colewelle, and Roger de Wenlok, mercers of London.

ij*s.* vj*d.*

Acknowledged before Thomas Legy, the Mayor, John Hamond and Geoffrey de Wychingham, Aldermen, and Thomas de Maryns, the Chamberlain, Thursday after the Feast of All Saints [1 Nov.].

Afterwards, viz., on Monday before the Feast of Annunciation B. M. [25 March], 23 Edward III. [A.D. 1348–9], came the aforesaid Adam before Thomas Leggy, Alderman, and the aforesaid Chamberlain, and assigned the above debt to Simon Fraunceys, mercer.

Lease by John de Brendewode, fripperer, to Peter Legy, fripperer, and Margaret his wife, of a seld, &c., on Cornhill, in the parish of St. Christopher, extending to the tenements of Sir John de Pulteneye and William le Hore, for a term of twenty years at an annual rent of 10 marks. Simon Fraunceys, Mayor, Richard de Berkynge and John Rokele, Sheriffs, John Hamond, Alderman of the Ward.[1] Witnesses, Ralph de Cauntebrigge, John Levelif, William de Cauntebrigge, John Eweyn, John de Wodehous, Thomas le Northerne, Philip Swift, Nicholas de Harewedone, clerk, and others [not named]. Dated Monday after the Feast of Exaltation of Holy Cross [14 Sept.], 16 Edward III., A.D. 1342. Fo. cxlv. *Nich' sol. quia condonatur per Maiorem.*

Writ to the Sheriffs for the election of two representatives of the City to attend a Parliament to be held at Westminster on the morrow of St. Hillary [13 Jan.];[2] also for proclamation to be made to the effect that the Parliament was not for the purpose of imposing aids or tallages or other burdens on the people, but solely for executing justice and consulting for the common weal. Witness the King at Westminster, 13 Nov., 21 Edward III. [A.D. 1347]. Fo. cxlv b.

Afterwards there came another writ for four representatives of the City to attend.

Return made of four, viz., John Lovekyn, Richard de Berkynge, William de Iford, and Richard de Wycombe. *Returnum.*

[1] Cornhill.

[2] In 1348 the Parliament sat from 14 Jan. to 12 Feb., and from 31 March to 13 April. Stubbs, 'Const. Hist.,' ii. 397n.

Eleccio Ball' Telar'. Wednesday before the Feast of St. Andrew [30 Nov.], 21 Edward III. [A.D. 1347], John de Whiteseld (Whitefeld ?) and Peter de Gatesdene, weavers, elected and sworn Bailiffs of the Weavers before Thomas Leggy, the Mayor, and the Aldermen.

Fo. cxlvi. Grant by Nicholas de Hockele, fishmonger, son of John de Hockele, late fishmonger, and Alice his wife, to John de Tingewyk, goldsmith, of an annual quitrent of 26*s.* 8*d.* charged on the tenement of Thomas de Alegate, clerk, in the parish of St. Katherine[1] near the church of the Priory and Convent of Holy Trinity in Alegatestrete, near the tenement of Walter Cook; to enjoy the said quitrent for a term of six years. Thomas Leg', Mayor, Adam Brabazon and Richard de Basingstoke, Sheriffs, Richard de Berkynge, Alderman of the Ward.[2] Witnesses, Walter Cook, John de Neubery, Thomas Savage, *sol.* ij*s.* vj*d.* Geoffrey Skynnere, William Beauflour, clerk, and others [not named]. Dated Monday after the Feast of St. Lucia [13 Dec.], 21 Edward III. [A.D. 1347].

Acknowledged the same day before Henry Darci, Andrew Aubrey, and William de Thorneye, Aldermen, and Thomas de Maryns, the Chamberlain.

Indenture of agreement that a deed of feoffment by Stephen de Fraunsard, called "de Amyas," to Richard de Stondone, "coffrer," of certain tenements, &c., which the said Stephen had by devise of Robert Wynnehelm[3] in Colmanstrete, in the parish of St. Stephen, shall be void on condition that the said Richard enjoy peaceable possession of the same for a term of six years. Thomas Legy, Mayor, Richard de Basingestoke and Adam Brabasson, Sheriffs, and William de Thorneye, Alderman of the Ward.[4] Witnesses, John de Berkynge, William Gentil, Robert atte Broke, Thomas Grapefiges, David de Kingestone, Henry de Ware, Nicholas de Harewedone, clerk, and others *sol.* ij*s.* vj*d.* [not named]. Dated Wednesday after the Feast of Conception B. M. [8 Dec.], 21 Edward III. [A.D. 1347].

[1] Known as St. Katherine Christchurch or "Creechurch."

[2] Aldgate.

[3] His will, dated 4 Dec., 1341, proved and enrolled in the Husting, July, 1342. 'Cal. of Wills,' i. 458.

[4] Coleman Street.

Acknowledged before Richard de Kiselingbery, Alderman, and the Chamberlain, the same day as the preceding deed.

Fo. cxlvi b.

Script' Will'i Galeys per Henr' le Callere.

Quitclaim by Henry, son of Robert le Callere, late mercer, to William Galeys, servant of Queen Isabella,[1] of a certain annual quitrent issuing from a tenement in Cordewanerstrete, in the parish of St. Thomas the Apostle, and situate near the tenements of Simon de Brunnesford, John de Grantham, and Robert Missoke. Witnesses, William Clapitus, John Fynch, Henry Palmere, John de Cressingham, John Moncoy, Thomas de Sharnebroke, John de Coumbe, and others [not named]. Dated Friday after the Feast of St. Lucia [13 Dec.], 21 Edward III. [A.D. 1347].

sol. ij*s.* vj*d.*

Concessio facta Telar' London'.

Be it remembered that on Thursday the eve of St. Thomas the Apostle [21 Dec.], 21 Edward III. [A.D. 1347], it was agreed by Thomas Legy, the Mayor, and the Aldermen that foreign weavers (*Telers estraunges*) should be ruled in the same manner as denizen (*privees*) weavers of the City, and that neither should work by night at any time of the year.

Fo. cxlvii

Les ordenaunces des Hatters.

Ordinances touching the mistery of Hatmakers (*overours des chapeaux*) approved by Thomas Leggy, the Mayor, and the Aldermen at the suit and request of the men of the said mistery.[2]

Tuesday after the Feast of St. Lucia [13 Dec.], 21 Edward III. [A.D. 1347], John de Thame, Adam de Salesbery, Roger Morel, John de Bumsted, Richard de Bery, and John Kix elected Wardens of the aforesaid mistery before the aforesaid Mayor and Aldermen.

Saturday after the Feast of the Translation of St. Thomas the Martyr [7 July], 24 Edward III. [A.D. 1350], the aforesaid Wardens being dead, Stephen de Hortone, John de Hydyngham, Walter Morel, and Alan de Hortone were elected and sworn Wardens before Walter Turk, the Mayor.

Thursday after the Feast of St. Peter in Cathedra [22 Feb.], 28 Edward III. [A.D. 1353-4], Walter Morel having died, the

[1] The Queen-mother.

[2] Set out in 'Memorials,' pp. 239, 240.

aforesaid Wardens elected Henry de Bury, "hattere," in his place.

Fo. cxlvii b.

Billa liberata Galfr'o de Wychyngham Maiori pro mercatorib' de Ansa Alemannie.

To a congregation of the Mayor and Aldermen held on Monday in the first week of Lent, 21 Edward III. [A.D. 1346–7], there being present Geoffrey de Wychingham, the Mayor, Reginald de Conduit, Henry Darcy, John Hamond, Simon Fraunceys, Roger de Depham, William de Thorneye, John de Caustone, Thomas Leggi, John de Mockyng, Adam Brabassone, and Richard de Berkyngge, Aldermen, there came Tydman Lymberg, Hildebrand Sutherman, and Tydeman Coufot, merchants of the Hanse of Almaine, and on behalf of themselves and of other merchants of the same Hanse delivered a Bill to the Mayor and Aldermen complaining that the Sheriffs and water-bailiffs of London distrained the said merchants to the extent of one "bord" in every hundred, 6 pence for every last of herring in barrels, 4 pence for every wey (*poys*) of cheese, and 4 pence for every horse; and prayed that, inasmuch as they had been formerly quit, so in future they might be quit of such charges, for they were enfranchised of the City by the composition touching Bisshopesgate.[1] The Bill having been read and the Books of Memoranda[2] in the Chamber of the Guildhall touching customs (*consuetudinibus*) and the tolls exacted on the things aforesaid examined, it was not found in the said books that any custom (*custuma*) ought to be demanded for horses or boards, nor for cheese imported for the use of themselves or their friends, but that custom had of old been demanded for cheese taken out of the City to be sold; and, further, that no custom was to be paid by merchants of the Hanse for herring brought to the City from Hanseatic parts; and if any question of toll should arise, the matter was to be decided by the Alderman of the merchants aforesaid.

[1] Referring to the composition made between the City and the merchants of the Hanse in 1282, as set out in the City's 'Liber Albus,' i. 485-8. Cf. 'Cal. Letter-Book A,' Introd., p. xii; 'Cal. Letter-Book C,' p. 41; 'Cal. Letter-Book E,' pp. 84, 143.

[2] The early Letter-Books and the 'Liber Cust.,' which, with other records of the City, were at that time in the custody of the Chamberlain.

De v marcis deliberat' Henrico de Banham.

Saturday the morrow of the Conversion of St. Paul [25 Jan.], 22 Edward III. [A.D. 1347–8], came John de Bannebury de Stratford atte Bowe, smith (*faber*), together with Henry de Banham, son of John de Banham, who married his daughter, before Geoffrey de Wychingham, Alderman, and Thomas de Maryns, the Chamberlain, and claimed the sum of 5 marks left by William de Manhale, "chaundeler," to the children of Matilda his daughter, wife of the late John de Banham,[1] inasmuch as all the other children of the aforesaid Matilda were dead, and they say that certain tenements and rents belonging to the said Henry were in great need of repair. Thereupon came Robert de Manhale, "chaundeler," and William de Briggeford, goldsmith, executors of the aforesaid William, in whose hands the money lay, and testified to the need of repair. It was therefore adjudged that the money should be delivered to the said John de Bannebury and Henry de Banham, and that the executors should be quit.

Fo. cxlviii.

Dimissio facta Joh'i de Foxtone clerico de una placea t're juxta Turrim London'.

At a Husting for Common Pleas held on Monday after the Feast of St. Katherine [25 Nov.], 21 Edward III. [A.D. 1347], Thomas Leggy, the Mayor, the Aldermen, and the rest of the citizens demised to John de Foxtone, clerk, a plot of land near the wall of the Friars of the Holy Cross in Tower Ward and extending towards "le Roumlond"[2] for a term of forty years at an annual rent of 40 pence.

Grant in tail by John de Kermound, clerk, to Richard de Becfeld, his kinsman, of all his tenements in the parish of St. Botolph without Aldresgate, with remainder to John de Kermound, his brother. Richard Lacer, Mayor, John de Glou-

[1] She afterwards married Amyel le Chaundeler, by whom she had a daughter Christina, known as Christina "la Chaundeller," whose will was proved and enrolled in the Husting in Feb., 1349. 'Cal. of Wills,' i. 519. The will of Matilda (proved in the Husting in Oct., 1342) shows that she had other daughters named Johanna and Margaret. The will of William de Manhale does not appear to have been enrolled in the Husting.

[2] A name given to an open space near a dock where ships could discharge. There was a "Romeland" at Billingsgate, described as "a platt of grounde raylled abowte called Rome lande on the west parte of Byllyngesgate." Hust. Roll 250 (34) (35). There was also one at Queenhithe. Letter-Book G, fo. cc b.

cestre and Edmund de Hemenhale, Sheriffs. Witnesses, Master William de Rameseye, John de Thame, William de Thame, Robert de Thame, and Simon de Compworth. Dated Friday after the Feast of St. James [25 July], 20 Edward III. [A.D. 1346].

Acknowledged by the above John, brother of John de Kermound, clerk, and Simon de Compworth, goldsmith, before Thomas Legy, the Mayor, Roger de Depham, the Recorder, and other Aldermen [not named], and Thomas de Maryns, the Chamberlain, in the Chamber of the Guildhall, Monday before the Feast of St. Valentine [14 Feb.], 22 Edward III. [A.D. 1347-8].

The same day they proffered a certain nuncupative will of the aforesaid John de Kermound proved before the official of the Archdeacon of London, in which the testator appoints the said Simon de Compworth guardian of Richard de Becfeld. Thereupon the said Simon acknowledges himself to be guardian of the said Richard, and finds sureties, viz., William Payn and Geoffrey le Mauner.

sol. ij*s.* vj*d.*

Fo. cxlviii b.

Allocacio facta burgensib' ville de Redinge de Theolon' prestande.

At a Husting for Pleas of Land held on Monday after the Feast of Conversion of St. Paul [25 Jan.], 22 Edward III. [A.D. 1347–8], came Thomas de Yevyndone, Mayor of Redynge, John, son of John le Acatour, "Dominicus" (?) Belle, Richard de Wymondham, and John Astilde, burgesses of the same, before Thomas Legy, the Mayor, and the rest of the Aldermen [not named], and complained of Adam Brabasson and Richard de Basingestoke, the Sheriffs of London, exacting tolls and customs of their goods in the City, contrary to their franchise, and contrary to the recognition of the charters of their town by Elyas Russel and John de Wengrave, Mayors of London, as appears on fo. 50 of the Greater Black Book[1] in the Chamber of the Guildhall. They prayed a remedy. Thereupon, the aforesaid recognition having been inspected, orders were given for the Sheriffs to restore the distresses so taken, and to allow the burgesses of the said town in future to be quit of toll.

[1] Referring to 'Letter-Book C,' fo. li b ('Calendar,' p. 82), that Letter-Book being referred to in the 'Liber Horn' as the Greater Black Book (*Major* or *Maximus Liber Niger*).

De custodia £xl tradit' Galfr'o de Wychingham et Henrico de Cove merceris ad opus Joh'is fil' Nich'i atte Mersshe.

Monday after the Feast of St. Valentine [14 Feb.], 22 Edward III. [A.D. 1347–8], the sum of £40 bequeathed by Nicholas atte Mersshe, late mercer, to John his son, is entrusted by Thomas Legy, the Mayor, Roger de Depham, the Recorder, the rest of the Aldermen [not named], and Thomas de Maryns, the Chamberlain, to Geoffrey de Wychingham and Henry de Cove, called "atte Mersshe," mercers, the guardianship of the said John's body being committed to John atte Mersshe, his uncle, as appears *supra*, fo. cxxvi.

Fo. cxlix.

Grant by the Master and Brethren of the House of the Order of Knights of St. Mary de "Bellehem" to Walter de Basingstoke, baker, and Margery his wife of a tenement called "la Longehous" in Bisshopesgatestrete, situate near the tenements of Thomas le Barbour and Benedict de Dittone, together with two plots of land called respectively "le Northlond" and "Forparadys"; to hold the same for their respective lives at an annual rent of 40*s.*, to be paid to the City's Chamber. Dated the Feast of St. Valentine [14 Feb.], A.D. 1347[–8]. Witnesses, Peter de Haconey, Thomas le Barbour, Geoffrey le Sergeaunt, Geoffrey le Whittawere, John de Cambirwelle, and John le Brewere and others [not named].

sol. ij*s.* vj*d.*

Grant by Thomas, son of Thomas Hauteyn, late pepperer, to William de Holbeche, draper, of lands and tenements in the parish of St. Benedict Shorhog, situate near the tenements of Roger Carpenter, John Gisors, and William Curteys; to hold the same during the lifetime of the grantor at an annual rent of 12 marks. Witnesses, John Pecche, Bartholomew Thomasyn, Thomas de Holebeche, John de Cogesale, Thomas de Cavendisshe, and Roger de Caumpes and others [not named]. Dated 16 Feb., 22 Edward III. [A.D. 1347–8].

sol. ij*s.* vj*d.*

Acknowledged before John de Northhalle, Alderman, and Thomas de Maryns, the Chamberlain, Tuesday after the Feast of St. Valentine [14 Feb.].

Fo. cxlix b.

Writ to the Sheriffs to make proclamation against the circula-

tion of base coin called "Lussheburghs"[1] and the exportation of good coin, as well for the protection of foreign merchants. Witness the King at Westminster, 13 Feb., 22 Edward III. [A.D. 1347–8].[2]

Fo. cl. *Br'e pro parliamento.* Writ to the Sheriffs for the election of two representatives of the City to attend a Parliament to be held at Westminster on Monday after mid-Lent Sunday,[3] to consider the warlike attitude of the French King, pending negotiations for a permanent peace. Witness the King at Westminster, 14 Feb., 22 Edward III. [A.D. 1347–8].[4]

Fo. cl b. Writ to the collectors of the subsidy of 2*s.* on a sack of wool and 6*d.* on a pound for providing ships in the Port of London, bidding them cease to collect the latter duty, but to continue collecting 2*s.* on every sack of wool for exportation. Witness the King at Westminster, 26 Nov., 21 Edward III. [A.D. 1347].

Writ to the Mayor and Aldermen for the observance of the assize of ale, viz., that a gallon of the best be sold for 3 halfpence and no more;[5] and for the punishment of those breweresses and female retailers who sell the same at 2 pence and 3 pence. Witness the King at Westminster, 12 Feb., 22 Edward III. [A.D. 1347–8].

The above writ remains in the possession of John de Shirbourne, the Common Clerk, among memoranda *temp.* Thomas Legy, Mayor.

[1] Probably so called from having emanated originally from Luxemburg. Piers Plowman (ed. Skeat, 1886, vol. i. pp. 458, 459) thus compares certain characters with this light and counterfeit coin:—

"As in Lussheborwes is a lyther alay · and ȝet loketh he lyke a sterlynge,
The merke of that mone is good · ac the metal is fieble;
And so it fareth by some folke now..."

Again:—

"Men may lykne letterid men · to a Lussheborgh, other werse
And to a badde peny · with a good preynte."

So Chaucer puts into the mouth of his monk the following line:—

"God woot, no lussheburghes payen ye!"

('The Monk's Prologue,' 74.)

[2] Rymer, 'Fœdera,' vol. iii. pt. i. p. 151.

[3] The Parliament sat from the 31st March to the 13th April.

[4] Rymer, 'Fœdera,' vol. iii. pt. i. p. 151.

[5] This was the price prescribed for a gallon of the best ale more than thirty years before. See writ dated 22 Jan., 10 Edward II. [A.D. 1316–1317]. 'Cal. Letter-Book E,' p. 71.

Fo. cli.

De custodia Joh'ne filie Reginaldi Gargoil et de £xx eidem legat'.

Tuesday before the Feast of St. Gregory [12 March], 22 Edward III. [A.D. 1347–8], came William de Hatfeld, goldsmith, who had married Agnes, widow of Reginald Gargoyl, goldsmith, before Thomas Legy, the Mayor, John Hamond and Richard de Basingestoke, Aldermen, and Thomas de Maryns, the Chamberlain, and acknowledged that he had received the sum of £20 from Robert, brother of the said Agnes, and Simon de Berkynge, goldsmith, surveyor of the will of the said Reginald, in trust for Johanna, daughter of the said Reginald. Sureties, viz., John de Hatfeld, draper, and Robert de Hatfeld, brothers of the aforesaid William, Robert Sporoun, and Walter de Benyngtone, mercer.

De custodia Margar' Lucie et Agnet' filiar' Will'i de Chayham.

The same day came Agnes, widow of William de Chayham, before Thomas Legy, the Mayor, Richard de Berkynge, Alderman, and Thomas de Maryns, the Chamberlain, and acknowledged herself guardian of Margaret, Lucy, and Agnes her daughters and of their property, under the will of her late husband.[1] Sureties, viz., Laurence Sely, skinner, and Matthew, son of Thomas le Barber de Bredstrete.

Fo. clib.

Writ to the Mayor, Aldermen, and Sheriffs for search to be made if there be any ordinances in the City's Chamber for putting down nuisances arising from the sale of small victuals (*minuta victualia*) and other merchandise in the highways of Chepe, Cornhull, and elsewhere; and if there be any such ordinances therein enrolled to cause them forthwith to be observed. Witness the King at Westminster, 6 Dec., 21 Edward III. [A.D. 1347].

Another writ to the same effect. Dated 15 Jan., 21 Edward III. [A.D. 1347–8].

Fo. clii.

Pursuant to the above writs the following were elected, on Wednesday after the Epiphany [6 Jan.], 21 Edward III. [A.D. 1347–8], for carrying the same into execution, viz., Thomas de Waldene, apothecary, John de Tiffeld, apothecary, John de Pritewelle, apothecary, John de Dallynge, mercer, Alan de

[1] The will of William de Chayham proved and enrolled in the Husting in March, 1347-8. See 'Cal. of Wills,' i. 503, where the Editor has inadvertently omitted the name of the testator's daughter Margaret.

Eyllesham, mercer, Richard de Notingham, mercer, Thomas Meel, mercer, Richard de Worthsted, mercer, William Spark, "armurer," John Blaunche, vintner, Walter atte Gote, vintner, William le Rede, leather-merchant (*mercator allute*), Simon de Worstede, mercer, Nicholas le Clerk, "armurer," Robert Lightfot, "purser," Robert Neel, "purser," John de Borham, "purser," John de Swalclive, "cordewaner," John Albon, John de Blikelingge, Richard atte More, William Smith, Henry atte Rothe, "chaundeler," Robert Vicory, William Albon, William de St. Alban, William de Derby, "glovere," Richard de Wycham, Robert de Norwych, "glovere," John de Norwych, "glovere," John de Farnham, Stephen de Bokedene, John de Depedene, Robert le Rede, "pursere," Walter le Pursere, Richard de Bokedene, William Godmynchestre, Roger de Wystone.

Fo. clii b. Indenture between the Abbot and Convent of Gerondone[1] of the Cistercian Order in the diocese of "Nicholl"[2] and Dame Mary de St. Pol, Countess of Pembroke, touching a chantry founded in the Hermitage near Crepelgate[3] for the soul of Aymer de Valence, late Earl of Pembroke;[4] which chantry she had endowed with two tenements, viz., one in Fletestrete which she had by feoffment of William de Hales, "armurer," and the other in Shitebournelane,[5] which she had by feoffment of Gilbert le Palmere. Dated the Feast of the Nativity St. John Bapt. [24 June], A.D. 1347.

Acknowledged before Thomas Legy, the Mayor, the Aldermen, and the Chamberlain in the Husting, on Monday before the Feast of St. Gregory [12 March], 22 Edward III. [A.D. 1347–8].

Lease by Robert de Stratford, cordwainer, and Dionisia his wife to John de Pritelwelle, "poleter," and Cristina his wife,

[1] Garendon, co. Leic.

[2] Lincoln.

[3] This chapel or "hermitage," dedicated to St. James, was situate in Mogwell or Mugwell Street (now Monkwell Street). See 'Memorials,' p. 553; Newcourt, 'Repertorium,' i. 368; Stow's 'Survey' (Thoms's ed.), p. 112.

[4] He is said to have met his death in a tournament on his wedding day, A.D. 1323.

[5] Sherbourne Lane.

of a tenement in the parish of All Hallows near London Wall, for a term of forty years at an annual rent of 20*s*. Witnesses, John Hablount, John Charteneys, John atte Belle, John Ram, John Warender, and others [not named]. Dated 20 March, 22 Edward III. [A.D. 1347–8]. *sol.* ij*s.* vj*d.*

Acknowledged before Thomas Legy, the Mayor, John de Caustone and Adam de Brabaszon, Aldermen, and Thomas de Maryns, the Chamberlain, Wednesday the morrow of the Annunciation B. M. [25 March], 22 Edward III. [A.D. 1348].

Fo. cliii.

De bonis legatis Joh'e fil' Alyne de Bolingbroke.

Monday after the Feast of Annunciation B. M. [25 March], 22 Edward III. [A.D. 1348], came Thomas, son of Thomas de Porkelee, goldsmith, before William de Caustone, Alderman, and Thomas de Maryns, the Chamberlain, and acknowledged he had received from Stephen le Cook and John Darry, executors of "Alyna," widow of William de Bolingbroke,[1] the sum of 5 marks and certain household goods of the value of 38*s.* 2*d.*, bequeathed by the said "Alina" to Johanna her daughter, since married to John Sporoun, apprentice to the aforesaid Thomas son of Thomas; to hold the same in trust for the said John Sporoun and Johanna his wife. Surety, viz., John de Brauncestre.

Fo. cliii b.

At a congregation of Thomas Leggy, the Mayor, the Aldermen, the Sheriffs, and an immense commonalty on Friday after the Feast of St. John ante portam Latinam [6 May], 22 Edward III. [A.D. 1348], John, son of John Gylessone de Refham, adjudged the punishment of the pillory for selling bad meat to Agnes la Ismongerer.[2]

Grant by Thomas de Abberbury to John Kyng, painter, and Alice his wife of a tenement at the corner of Addellane[3] in the parish of St. Alban in Wodestrete: to hold the same for the term of their respective lives and for one year after their decease, at an annual rent of 60*s*. Geoffrey de Wychingham

[1] His will, proved and enrolled in the Husting in February, 1346-7, does not mention Johanna. His wife's name is given in the will as "Alena," but a portion of the will is challenged by her in the name of "Athelina." See 'Cal. of Wills,' i. 492-3.

[2] 'Memorials,' p. 240.

[3] Now Addle Street.

Mayor, John de Croydone and William Clapitus, Sheriffs. Witnesses, John Cook, Robert de Suttone, John Brokke, John Marchal, William Clerk of Wodestrete, and others [not named]. Dated 1 April, being Easter Day, 21 Edward III. [A.D. 1347].

sol. ij*s.* vj*d.*

Fo. cliv.

Br'e ad proclamand' contra justas turneamenta et alia facta armor' delend' (?).

Writ to the Sheriffs forbidding the holding of jousts and tournaments in the City, now that the truce with France had recently terminated, and ordering the exercise of arms in their stead, for the defence of the realm.[1] Witness the King at Westminster, 14 July, 22 Edward III. [A.D. 1348].

Lease by Nicholas Guillim, apothecary, to Vivian Rogeroni de Luca, apothecary, of a certain shop in the parish of St. Benedict Shorhog held by the said Nicholas for a term of years under Sir Ralph Bigot, Knt., and John Bigot his son; to hold the same to the said Vivian for the remainder of the aforesaid term, in the same manner as formerly it was held by John Adami, apothecary. Dated 12 June, A.D. 1347, Geoffrey de Wychingham being Mayor, John de Croydone and William Clapitus, Sheriffs. Witnesses, Adam Fraunceys, Thomas de Brandone, John de Cogeshale, Roger Carpenter, William de Holebeche, Nicholas, son of Bartholomew Thomasyn, and others [not named].

Acknowledged before Thomas de Maryns, the Chamberlain, Monday the morrow of St. Margaret [20 July], 22 Edward III. [A.D. 1348].

Fo. cliv b.

Acquittance by Benedict, son of Thomas de Betoyne, to Brother Philip de Thame, Prior of the Hospital of St. John de Clerkenewelle, for his yearly pension of 5 marks paid by the hands of Sir John de Pulteneye, Knt., viz., for one year from the Feast of the Nativity of St. John Bapt. [24 June], 21 Edward III. [A.D. 1347], to the same Feast in the following year. Dated Monday after the Feast of St. James, Ap. [25 July], 22 Edward III. [A.D. 1348].

Acknowledged before Thomas de Maryns, the Chamberlain, and a bond for the annuity delivered to the said Benedict on Saturday after the Feast of St. Peter ad Vincula [1 Aug.], 22 Edward III. [A.D. 1348].

[1] A truce had been agreed to at the end of September, 1347, after the taking of Calais, to continue until the 24th June, 1348.

Writ to the Mayor and Sheriffs notifying the appointment of John Marreys as the King's Alnager[1] of cloth, canvas, &c., within the realm, to hold the said office for life in the same manner as others have held by grant of the King's ancestors, and ordering that proclamation be made to that effect. Witness the King at Westminster, 18 May, 22 Edward III. [A.D. 1348]. *Br'e d'ni Regis de ulnagio.*

Writ to the same, notifying the appointment of William de Stanhop as deputy for the above John Marreys in his office of Alnager, and bidding them to acknowledge him as such. Witness the King at Westminster, 26 July, 22 Edward III. [A.D. 1348]. Fo. clv.

Be it remembered that the above two writs remain on the files of Pleas of Land for the twenty-second year of King Edward III.

Ordinances of the mistery of Pewterers[2] submitted to the Mayor and Aldermen for approval. *Ordinacio mesteri de Peautrers.*

Writ to the Sheriffs for proclamation to be made of a truce that had been concluded with France for a term of six weeks, viz., from Saturday, the 13th September, until Saturday, the 25th October, 1348. Witness the King at Claryndone, 11 Sept., 22 Edward III. [A.D. 1348].[3] Fo. clvi. *Br'e d'ni Reg' pro Treugis proclamand'.*

Proclamation made accordingly Saturday, 13 Sept.

Saturday after the Feast of the Exaltation H. Cross [14 Sept.], 22 Edward III. [A.D. 1348], in the presence of Thomas Leggy, the Mayor, Roger de Depham, the Recorder, and the rest of the Aldermen, Ralph Paas elected and admitted a broker of leather, viz., by the assent of Gregory de Rameseye, John de Bermyngeham, John Walsheman, William Smith, John de Brutone, John de Lodelowe, John de Westone, John de Asshebourne, John de Bicleswade, Roger Baldewyn, William Grubbelane, and Robert Garsoun, cordwainers. *Abrocar' electus et jur'.*

Lease by Stephen, son of the late Stephen de Craye, to Simon Faun, "stokfisshmongere," of a certain tenement in the parish of St. Michael de la Crokedelane, near Candelwykestrete, Fo. clvi b. *Scriptum Simonis Faun per Steph'm de Craye.*

[1] See 'Cal. Letter-Book E,' p. 53n.
[2] Set out in 'Memorials,' pp. 241-4.
[3] Rymer's 'Fœdera,' vol. iii. pt. i. p. 171.

situate near the tenements of John Lovekyn and John Gubbe, for a term of twenty years, at an annual rent of 20*s*. Geoffrey de Wychingham, Mayor, William Clapitus and John de Croydone, Sheriffs, John de Mockynge, Alderman of the Ward.[1] Witnesses, Walter de Mordone, John Lovekyn, Ralph de Lenne, Adam atte Pole, John Olyver, John Gubbe, Hugh de Craye, Nicholas de Harewedone, clerk, and others [not named]. Dated Thursday after the Feast of St. Mark [25 April], 21 Edward III. [A.D. 1347].

sol. ij*s*. vj*d*.

Acknowledged before Thomas de Maryns, the Chamberlain, Wednesday the morrow of St. Mary Magdalen [22 July], 22 Edward III. [A.D. 1348].

Fo. clvii.

Scriptum Joh'is de Gildesburgh per Maior' Alderm' et co'itatem.

Grant by Thomas Leggy, the Mayor, the Aldermen, and the rest of the citizens to John de Gildesburgh, fishmonger, of the lane called "Desebournelane," in the parish of St. Mary de Somersete in the Ward of Queenhithe, between the tenement of Sir Edward de Montacute, Knt., and Alice his wife, on the east, and the tenement late of Walter Gladewyn on the west; the said lane being 215 feet in length down to the Thames, and 7 feet in width, except near the Thames, when it is of the width of a King's ell. The grantee is to make a gutter of prescribed dimension down the lane to the Thames to draw off the water from the highways in the neighbourhood,[2] and to pay an annual rent of 2*s*. into the Chamber of the Guildhall. Dated Friday

[1] Bridge.

[2] It was probably this deed to which Stow referred when he wrote: "In the midst of this lane [*i.e.*, Finimore Lane or Fivefoot Lane] runneth down one other lane broader, south to Thames Street, I think the same to be called Desbourne Lane, for I read of such a lane to have been in the parish of St. Mary Summerset, in the 22nd year of Edward III., where there is said to lie between the tenement of Edward de Montacute, knight, on the east part, and the tenement some time pertaining to William [*sic*] Gladwine on the west, one plot of ground, containing in length towards Thames Street, twenty-five feet [*sic*]," &c. Stow's 'Survey' (Thoms's ed.), p. 132. It is recorded that on 14 July, 1363, there occurred so violent a storm of rain that the water could not escape sufficiently down the lane without the removal of the wall of a private house, to the owner's great dissatisfaction. See letter from the Mayor, &c., to the King, dated 11 Aug., 37 Edward III. [A.D. 1363]. 'Cal. of Letters, 1350-1370' (printed by order of the Corporation), p. 109.

after the Feast of St. Michael [29 Sept.], 22 Edward III. [A.D. 1348].

The King's licence for the above grant. Dated at Westminster, 4 Sept., 22 Edward III. [A.D. 1348].

Fo. clvii b.

Br'e pro hominib' armat' hobelar' et sagittar'.

Writ to the Sheriffs for proclamation to be made for such men-at-arms, hoblers, archers, and others, as were willing to serve the King abroad, to be at Sandwich on Sunday before the Feast of SS. Simon and Jude [28 Oct.] next at the latest. Witness the King at Westminster, 8 Oct., 22 Edward III. [A.D. 1348].

Proclamation made accordingly Friday the morrow of the Feast of St. Dionisius [9 Oct.].

Fo. clviii.

De bonis in testamento Joh'is Broun legat' Joh'i et Alicie pueris suis.

Thursday after the Feast of St. Luke [18 Oct.], 22 Edward III. [A.D. 1348], came John de Potenhale, woodmonger, one of the executors of John Broun de Fletestrete, before Richard Lacer, Alderman, and Thomas de Maryns, the Chamberlain, and acknowledged that he had received, with the assent of Elena their mother, certain sums of money and chattels in trust for John and Alice, the children of the aforesaid John and Elena. Sureties, viz., Richard de Potenhale, John de Slappelee, Thomas de Potenhale, and Simon Broun, woodmongers. The guardianship, however, of the said children was entrusted to the mother, at her own request, together with certain silver plate.

Securitas facta pro eisdem bonis.

The release from guardianship of the aforesaid Alice appears in the book marked "G," fo. lxvii.

De bonis legatis pueris Joh'is de Lauvare defuncti et de securitate facta pro eisdem.

Friday after the Feast of St. Martin [11 Nov.], 22 Edward III. [A.D. 1348], came Alice, widow of John de Lauvare, before John Lovekyn, the Mayor, the Aldermen, and the Chamberlain, and acknowledged the receipt of certain sums of money in trust for Robert, Simon, and Richard, children of the said John de Lauvare. Sureties, viz., William de St. Alban, "chaundeler," William Albon, "felmongere," John de Thrillowe, "cotiller," John de Flete, "cotiller," Roger de Caumpes, ironmonger, and Gilbert Curteys, mercer.

Fo. clviii b.

Ball'i Telar' electi et jur'.

Thursday after the Feast of St. Katherine [25 Nov.], 22 Edward III. [A.D. 1348], John Payn, Richard de Horewod [struck out], and John de Whitefeld, weavers (*telarii*), elected and sworn Bailiffs of the Weavers before John Lovekyn, the Mayor, and the Aldermen.

Afterwards, viz., on Wednesday the 4th March, 23 Edward III. [A.D. 1348–9], John Payn, weaver (*tixtor*), elected bailiff, *loco* the aforesaid Richard, deceased.

Vaginar' jur'.

Friday after the Feast of St. Edmund the King [20 Nov.], 22 Edward III. [A.D. 1348], Stephen de Excestre, John Fichet, John de Ely, Richard Brond, Robert Deverons (Deverous?), and Robert Petlyngge, sheathers (*vaginar'*), sworn to keep the articles of the mistery and to supervise all workers thereof, &c.

Assignment by John de Pritewelle, "poleter," and Cristina his wife, to John de St. Alban, ironmonger, of lease of a certain tenement in the parish of All Hallows near London Wall, the property of Robert de Stratford, cordwainer, and Dionisia his wife, for a term of forty years, the assignee paying to the said Robert and Dionisia 20*s*. yearly, and 4*s*. yearly to the House of St. Katherine near the Tower. The said Robert and Dionisia reserve to themselves the right to half the fruit growing on the fruit-trees on the premises. Dated Saturday the eve of St. Thomas [21 Dec.], 22 Edward III. [A.D. 1348].

ij*s*. vj*d*.

Acknowledged before Geoffrey de Wychingham, Alderman, and Thomas de Maryns, the Chamberlain, Monday after the above Feast.

Fo. clix.

Friday before the Feast of St. Nicholas [6 Dec.], 22 Edward III. [A.D. 1348], came Nicholas Bole, skinner, and Katherine his wife, widow of Simon de Pulham, skinner, before John Lovekyn, the Mayor, Roger de Depham, the Recorder, and the rest of the Aldermen, and Thomas de Maryns, the Chamberlain, and the said Nicholas acknowledged that he had the guardianship of Johanna, daughter of the aforesaid Simon and Katherine, and of her property which he held in trust, according to the custom of the City. Sureties, viz., John Bole, skinner, and John de Bedeford, skinner.

Saturday after the Feast of St. Lucia [13 Dec.], 23 Edward III. [A.D. 1349], Walter Turk, the Mayor, gave seisin to Robert de Bramptone, chaplain, of tenements devised by John Romoneye for the maintenance of a chantry in the church of St. Botolph without Algate.[1]

Lease by Master John Botoner, Rector of Newenton on the Wold,[2] to Johanna his sister, of two shops in Sopereslane, tenanted respectively by William le Botoner, brother of the lessor, and Johanna Tayllour, "selkwyf,"[3] for a term of five years. John Lovekyn, Mayor, Henry Pycard and Simon Dolselly, Sheriffs. Witnesses, Thomas de Maryns, Roger de Frowyk, John de Colewelle, William de Strattone, William de Stretham, William Beauflour, clerk, and others [not named]. Dated the Feast of St. Hillary [13 Jan.], 22 Edward III. [A.D. 1348–9]. Fo. clix b. *sol.* ij*s.* vj*d.*

Acknowledged on the Monday following before Thomas Leggy, Alderman, and Thomas de Maryns, the Chamberlain.

Deed of confirmation by Richard Angevyn, girdler, and Johanna his wife, daughter of Katherine de Garthorpe, of grants made by William de Ratford, clerk, and the aforesaid Katherine, to William atte Cornere, dyer, Isabella his wife, and Agnes de Berkynge, of tenements and wharves in Thamisestrete in the parish of St. Benedict at Pauleswharf for a term of years. John Lovekyn, Mayor, Henry Pycard and Simon Dolsely, Sheriffs, Adam Brabassoun, Alderman of the Ward of Castle Baynard, Richard de Kyselyngbury, Alderman of Queenhithe. Witnesses, John Torgold, Thomas Shene, Henry Brenge, Nicholas de Adyngton, Thomas de Suttone, William de Carletone, and others [not named]. Dated Saturday after the Feast of St. Hillary [13 Jan.], 22 Edward III. [A.D. 1348–9]. *sol.* ij*s.* vj*d.*

Acknowledged on the following Monday before John Syward, Alderman, and the aforesaid Chamberlain.

[1] See the will of John Romoneye, potter, proved and enrolled in the Husting in May, 1349. 'Cal. of Wills, Court of Husting,' i. 555. The testator was probably one of the many victims of the Black Death, which scourged the City in 1349.

[2] Newton-le-Wold, co. Linc.

[3] Silk-woman.

Fo. clx. Lease by John de Thorpe, skinnner, guardian of Simon, "Wyger" (or "Weger"), William, Anastasia, and Johanna, children of the said John and of Agnes his late wife, to Robert de Glapwell, junior, of a moiety of a certain tenement in the parish of St. Stephen, Walebroke, demised by Robert de Glapwell,[1] senior, skinner, to the aforesaid Agnes his daughter, to hold the same to the said Robert de Glapwell, junior, nephew (*nepos*) of the said Robert de Glapwell, senior, for a term of forty-four years at an annual rent of 20*s*. Simon Fraunceys, Mayor, John Lovekyn and Richard de Kyselingbery, Sheriffs, *sol.* ij*s*. vj*d*. Henry Darcy, Alderman of the Ward.[2] Witnesses, William Cave, John de Wodeford, Simon Rote, Thomas de Farnham, Laurence Sely, William de Lichebarewe, Walter Page, Richard de Carletone, John de Luda, clerk, and others [not named]. Dated Wednesday the Feast of St. George [23 April], 17 Edward III. [A.D. 1343].

Acknowledged before Simon Dolsely, Alderman, and Thomas de Maryns, the Chamberlain, Tuesday after the Feast of the Purification [2 Feb.], 23 Edward III. [A.D. 1348–9].

Fo. clx b. *Balli'a Suthwerke.* Wednesday before the Feast of St. George [23 April], 23 Edward III. [A.D. 1349], the office of the bailiwick of Suthwerk demised by Thomas de Maryns, the Chamberlain, with the assent of John Lovekyn, the Mayor, and Roger de Depham, the Recorder, to Harlewyn de Honyngtone for a term of two years from Easter last, he paying to the Chamberlain of the Guildhall £10 10*s*. yearly to the use of the Commonalty.

Fo. clxi. *Custodia Ph'i fil' Ph'i fil' Ph'i Gentil.* Tuesday after the Feast of SS. Philip and James [1 May], 23 Edward III. [A.D. 1349], came Hugh de Robury, executor of Philip Gentyl, senior, and delivered to Andrew Aubrey, pepperer, in the presence of John Lovekyn, the Mayor, Simon Dolsely, Roger de Depham, John Syward, and Adam Brabason, Aldermen, 30 gold nobles of the value of £10, to the use of Philip, son of Philip, son of the aforesaid Philip, who was in the service

[1] His will proved and enrolled in the Husting in Oct., 1335. See 'Cal. of Wills,' i. 407, where the testator's name is wrongly printed "Clapwell."

[2] Walbrook.

(*in comitiva*) of the said Andrew; on the understanding that if Philip the father returned from abroad before the son came of age, the said Andrew would indemnify the said Hugh.[1]

Afterwards, viz., on Tuesday after the Feast of St. Peter ad Vincula [1 Aug.], 24 Edward III. [A.D. 1350], came Philip the grandson into the Chamber before Walter Turk, the Mayor, Andrew Aubrey, Roger de Depham, Simon Dolsely, Simon de Worstede, and William de Todenham, Aldermen, and declared that his father had been dead more than five years, and demanded delivery of the money in the hands of Aubrey aforesaid, and it was granted.

Custodia pueror' Hug' le Plastrer.

Wednesday before the Feast of St. Mark [25 April], 23 Edward III. [A.D. 1349], the guardianship of Robert, son of Hugh le Plastrer, aged twelve, John his brother, aged nine, and Thomas, another brother, aged six, committed to William Oyldebeof de Colmworth, co. Beds, by John Lovekyn, the Mayor, and the Aldermen. Surety, viz., John Costantyn, draper, of the parish of St. Mary de Aldermanbury.

Fo. clxi b.

Proclamacio facta die Lune in crastino Sancte Trinitatis.

Wednesday after the Feast of All Saints [1 Nov.], 11 Edward III. [A.D. 1337], came all the brewers and brewsters (*braciatrices*) of the City and suburbs before Henry Darcy, the Mayor, John de Grantham, Gregory de Nortone, John Hamond, Andrew Aubrey, Ralph de Uptone, Simon Fraunceys, Nicholas Crane [Aldermen], and others of the Commonalty, and it was forbidden them by the said Mayor and Aldermen to sell by any other measure than the gallon, the pottle, and quart, or by any measure not sealed with the seal of the Alderman of the Ward: they were further forbidden to sell a gallon of the best ale for more than 1½*d.*, a gallon of medium ale for more than 1*d.*, and of the cheaper ale for more than ¾*d.*, the penalty for the first conviction being imprisonment for three days and a fine of 4*d.*; for the second offence, imprisonment for six days and a fine of half a mark; and for the third, abjuration of the City.

[1] By the will of Philip Gentil, senior, Philip the father was to have £20, but if he were dead, one moiety was to go to his son and the other to be devoted to pious uses. See 'Cal. of Wills,' i. 487-8.

Whereas our lord the King has taken into his protection the good folk of Flanders who have come into his realm and have assisted him in his quarrel, we command all people that no one, on pain of imprisonment and forfeiture to our said lord the King and the City, be so bold as to commit any injury to, or to molest, any of them.

Also that no one wander about the City after curfew sounded at St. Martin-le-Grand unless he be a great lord or other person of good repute, and this for reasonable cause and with a light.

Also that no one, of whatsoever condition he may be, come to the City to draw men out of the City for wicked conspiracy and covin that may conduce to breaking of the peace of our lord the King or scandal of the City, and that no one of the City be a consenting party thereto, on pain of imprisonment at the will of the lord the King.

Also that if any there be who refuse to be responsible for the peace of our lord the King, all those of the peace shall be ready and apparelled to assist the officers of the City to arrest and bring them to justice as the law requires.

Also that every man of the peace of our lord the King have power, in the absence of officers, to arrest felons and malefactors, and bring them to the hostels of the Mayor and Sheriffs, that due punishment be inflicted on them.[1]

Custodia pueror' Ric'i Loveye.

Thursday after the Feast of Annunciation B. M. [25 March], 23 Edward III. [A.D. 1349], John de Fifhide, mercer, rendered account before Simon Dolsely, pepperer, and Thomas de Maryns, apothecary, auditors assigned to him by John Lovekyn, the Mayor, and the Aldermen, of the goods and chattels left by will of Richard Loveye, mercer, to John, Thomas, John, "Cristiana," and William his children, then under the guardianship of the said John de Fifhide.

Fo. clxii.

Afterwards, viz., on the 10th Aug., 35 Edward III. [A.D. 1361], came John the elder, son of the aforesaid Richard, before John

[1] This proclamation is in French, and is detached from what precedes and follows. It bears no date, but from the reference made to the Flemings one may conjecture it to be about the year 1337.

Wrothe, the Mayor, and John de Cauntebrigge, the Chamberlain, and, declaring himself to be of full age, received his portion of patrimony.

Afterwards, viz., on the 23rd Sept., the same year, came Thomas Loveye, aged twenty-two, and acknowledged satisfaction for his patrimony.

Afterwards, viz., on the 8th Jan., 44 Edward III. [A.D. 1370–1], came Richard de Staneford, "diere," and "Cristina" his wife, daughter of the aforesaid Richard Loveye, before John Bernes, the Mayor, and John de Cantebrigge, the Chamberlain, and acknowledged satisfaction for the patrimony due to her.

Afterwards, viz., on Wednesday after the Feast of St. Luke [18 Oct.], 45 Edward III. [A.D. 1371], came the brothers John Loveye and William Loveye and likewise acknowledged satisfaction.

Fo. clxii b.

Obitus Thom' de Maryns Cam'ar' et eleccio Thom' de Waldene in Cam'arium.

Thomas Maryns, the Chamberlain, died on Saturday the Feast of St. Mark [25 April], 23 Edward III. [A.D. 1349], and on Monday after the Feast of St. Dunstan [19 May], the same year, Thomas de Waldene, apothecary, was elected and sworn Chamberlain in full Husting of Common Pleas by John Lovekyn, the Mayor, the Aldermen, and the whole Commonalty.

Admissio Thom' de Neuport in servientem Cam'e.

Thursday after the Feast of the Annunciation B. M. [25 March], 23 Edward III. [A.D. 1349], Thomas de Neuport admitted Serjeant of the Chamber of the Guildhall by John Lovekyn, the Mayor, the Aldermen, and Commonalty, and sworn, &c.

Admissio Antonii de Grenewych in servientem Cam'e.

Monday after the Feast of St. Alphege [19 April], 23 Edward III. [A.D. 1349], Antony, son of Nicholas de Grenewych, similarly admitted Serjeant of the Chamber, and sworn, &c.

Peter Sterre jur' ad faciend' offic' Tronagii lanar'.

At a Court of Pleas of Land held on Monday after the Feast of St. Barnabas [11 June], 23 Edward III. [A.D. 1349], Thomas Broun and other good men of the mistery of Woolmongers elected Peter Sterre *loco* William Dyry, deceased, to execute the office of tronage of wools in the City and suburbs. And the said Peter was sworn in full Husting, &c.

Will's Raven jur' ad faciend' officium parve balancie.

Wednesday after the Nativity of St. John Bapt. [24 June], 23 Edward III. [A.D. 1349], William Raven, mercer, elected and sworn before J[ohn] Lovekyn, the Mayor, and the Aldermen, to execute the office of the Small Balance, paying 50*s*. yearly to the Chamberlain for the time being. Sureties, viz., Simon de Worsted, Alderman, William Aylward, John de Herewardstoke, Hugh atte Boure, John de Rothynge, and Adam Chaumberleyn.

Simon de Reynham jur' ad faciend' officium parve balancie.

Afterwards, viz., on Thursday after the Feast of Translation of St. Thomas the Martyr [7 July], it was testified by men of the said mistery that the above William Raven was dead, and the men of the said mistery elected Simon de Reynham in his place at the same rent, and he was sworn, &c.

Fo. clxiii.

Br'e pro piscenar' poletariis allutar' et aliis mesteris quod non vendant carius quam solebant.

Writ to the Sheriffs of London and Middlesex for proclamation to be made for the due observance of the (so-called) Statute of Labourers,[1] regulating the wages of servants and artificers, and forbidding the enhancement of victuals in consequence of the recent pestilence. Witness the King at Westminster, 18 June, 23 Edward III. [A.D. 1349].

Fo. clxiii b.

Eleccio abrocar' wysde.

Friday after the Feast of St. Mary Magdalen [22 July], 23 Edward III. [A.D. 1349], Walter Herneys, weaver (*tyxtor*), elected broker of woad by merchants of Amyas, Neel, and Corby; and the same day Gilbert le Pipere elected broker of woad by the Dyers of the City.

Mensurarii wysde.

The same day, William de Hoo elected measurer of woad by merchants of Amyas, Neel, and Corby, and John Longe, measurer of woad, by Dyers of the City.

[1] See 'Statutes at Large' (ed. 1758), i. 261-3, where, however, the date of the writ is given as 18 July. The date is correctly given in the copy of the Statute printed in the 'Statutes of the Realm' (ed. 1810), i. 308. The copy in the Letter-Book is not without clerical errors, *e.g.*, *desideria* and *labore* (towards the close) for *desidia* and *laborare*. Although called a "Statute" it was in reality no more than an ordinance published by the King and Council, and remained a dead letter until enacted as a Statute in 1351 at the petition of the Commons. Stubbs, 'Const. Hist.,' ii. 408. Cf. *infra*, fos. cxcix-cci b.

Custodia Will'i fil' Wall'i Burdeyn.

Wednesday after the Feast of St. James [25 July], 23 Edward III. [A.D. 1349], the guardianship of William, son of Walter Burdeyn, aged ten years, committed by John Lovekyn, the Mayor, and the Aldermen to Thomas atte Barnet. Sureties, viz., Thomas de Cantebrigge, goldsmith, Robert Huberd, "mason," and William de Thame, "blader."

Custodia Thom' fil' Ric'i fil' Ric'i de Basyngstoke.

The following day the guardianship of Thomas, son of Richard, son of Richard de Basyngstoke, aged one and a half years, committed by John Lovekyn, the Mayor, Simon Dolsely, Alderman, and Thomas de Waldene, the Chamberlain, to John de Depleye and Johanna his wife, mother of the said Thomas. Sureties, viz., John Geffrey, John Edward, and John de Farnham.

Fo. clxiv.

Captio pro mensur' ciphe salis grossi et minuti.

Be it remembered that on Thursday after the Feast of St. Laurence [10 Aug.], 23 Edward III. [A.D. 1349], John Lyghtfot, John Botiller, William de Harwe, John atte Shoppe, John Reyner, William de Draytone, Robert de Yvyngho, and Henry Sauge, meters of salt, were sworn to certify John Lovekyn, the Mayor, and the Aldermen as to how much the meters of salt, large and small, ought and were accustomed to take at Billyngesgate for measuring a sieve (*cipha*) of each kind of salt without carriage, and how much for measuring and carriage together of each kind to divers parts of the City; and they say on oath that, according to the ancient custom of the City, the meters of salt should take for measuring a sieve of large salt at Billyngesgate without carriage 2½*d.*, and for measuring the same sieve of large salt and carriage of the same from Billyngesgate and Wollewharf to Bredestrete and other distant places of the City 8*d.* Also they should take for measuring a sieve of small salt there, according to the ancient custom of the City, without carriage 2*d.*, and for measuring and carriage of the same to the places aforesaid 6*d.*

Also they ought to take at Queenhithe, according to the ancient custom of the City, for measuring a sieve of large salt without carriage 2½*d.*, and for measuring and carriage of the same to Bredestrete and other parts of the City 6*d.* Also for

measuring a sieve of small salt 2*d.* without carriage, and with carriage to Bredestrete and other parts of the City 4*d.*[1]

Be it remembered that a sieve of large salt contains 5 quarters and 6 bushels, and a sieve of small salt contains exactly 5 quarters and no more.

Tuesday the eve of St. Thomas, Ap. [21 Dec.], 25 Edward III. [A.D. 1351], came Thomas atte Barnet, guardian of William, son of Walter Burdeyn, before Andrew Aubrey, the Mayor, the Aldermen, and Thomas de Waldene, the Chamberlain, and asked to be discharged of his guardianship. Thereupon came William Fraunceys, goldsmith, and acknowledged that he had received from the said Thomas atte Barnet all that was due, and the guardianship was transferred from the said Thomas to the said William Fraunceys, who found sureties, viz., John de Brynchesle and Thomas de Hyngestone, goldsmiths.

Fo. clxiv b.

Custodia pueror' Rog'i le Peautrer.

Wednesday after the Feast of the Assumption [15 Aug.], 23 Edward III. [A.D. 1349], the guardianship of William, son of Roger le Peautrer, aged six years, Mary his sister, aged five, and Thomas his brother, aged one and a half years, committed to John Syward, "peautrer," by John Lovekyn, the Mayor, the Aldermen, and Thomas de Waldene, the Chamberlain, together with their property, comprising certain shops in the parish of All Hallows de Bredestrete. Sureties, viz., Nicholas de Kyngesworth, "peautrer," Richard de Brokesfeld, "peautrer," William Syward, "peautrer," and Hugh de Cauntebrigge.

Br'e Regis de ulnag' pro Joh'e de Mareys.

Writ to the Mayor and Sheriffs for proclamation to be made of the appointment of John Mareys to be the King's Alnager of cloth, &c., for life, and of William de Stanhope to be his deputy. Witness the King at Westminster, 20 Aug., 23 Edward III. [A.D. 1349].

Proclamation made accordingly Saturday after the Feast of St. Michael [29 Sept.].

Fo. clxv.

Grant by John de Coggeshale, "corder," executor of Robert Hamond,[2] late "corder," and guardian of Thomas his son, an

[1] Cf. 'Liber Albus,' i. 241-4; 'Cal. Letter-Book C,' p. 87.

[2] His will proved and enrolled in the Husting in June, 1349. See 'Cal. of Wills,' i. 586.

apprentice of Simon de Worstede, mercer, to the said Simon of the sum of £10 bequeathed to the said Thomas and certain tenements in the parishes of St. Peter de Cornhull and St. Andrew near Estchepe; to hold the same in trust for the said Thomas. Dated Saturday the Feast of the Assumption [15 Aug.], 23 Edward III. [A.D. 1349]. ij*s.* vj*d.*

Proclamation touching the appointment by the King of John Mareys to be Alnager for life. *Proclamacio.*

Fo. clxv b.

Saturday after the Feast of the Decollation of St. John Bapt. [29 Aug.], 23 Edward III. [A.D. 1349], Robert de Rameseye, John de Burdeux, William de Braynford, Richard Kayho, John Horn, and William Fourneux, fishmongers, brought to the Guildhall five false nets, found in the Thames to the east of London Bridge, belonging to John Goldstone de Berkyng, John de Clayhurst de Grenewych, and Walter Sprot of the same, together with three bushels of fry caught in the said nets, and useless owing to their smallness. The facts acknowledged, and a day given so that John Lovekyn, the Mayor, and the Aldermen might further consider the matter. On the day named judgment was given for the nets to be burnt, and the culprits found sureties for their future good conduct, viz., William Dykeman, "ismongere," John atte Naysshe de Grenewych, "mariner," Nicholas Clerk de Berkynge, Henry Basset of the same, John de Lyndeseye, and William de Maydestane, seaman (*nauta*).[1] *De falsis retib' combustis.*

Friday after the Feast of the Exaltation of H. Cross [14 Sept.], 23 Edward III. [A.D. 1349], came William Stoke, tailor, and Margery his wife before John Lovekyn, the Mayor, Roger de Depham and other Aldermen [not named], and Thomas de Waldene, the Chamberlain, and acknowledged that he had received from John de Cantebrigge, chaplain, executor of Henry de Aysshebourne, chaplain, who was executor of John de Sellyngge, draper, the sum of £10, bequeathed by the said John de Sellyngge in trust for Margery and Juliana, daughters of the *Custodia pueror' Joh'is de Sellyngge.*

[1] 'Memorials,' p. 244.

said John.[1] Sureties, viz., William de Naples and John de Draytone, tailor.

Fo. clxvi.

Custodia Margarete fil' Ric'i Salman.

Friday after the Feast of St. Michael [29 Sept.], 23 Edward III. [A.D. 1349], came Robert de Lincoln, fishmonger, and Isabella his wife before John Lovekyn, the Mayor, Roger de Depham, and Thomas de Waldene, the Chamberlain, and acknowledged he had received from John Wyliot and Robert de Fourneux, executors of Hugh de Stowe, "draper," who was executor of Richard Salman, draper, the sum of £21 4*s.*, bequeathed by the said Richard to Margaret his daughter; to hold the same in trust for the said Margaret, over whom they had been appointed guardians. Sureties, viz., William de Berkynge, Richard de Kent, Richard Twychene, and Geoffrey Denny, fishmongers.

Afterwards, viz., on Thursday after the Feast of St. Gregory [12 March], 31 Edward III. [A.D. 1356–7], Richard Turk and John Mounqoi, fishmongers, became sureties, and the above were exonerated.

Compotus exec' Thom' de Maryns Cam'arii London'.

12 Oct., 23 Edward III. [A.D. 1349], account rendered by the executors of Thomas de Maryns, late Chamberlain of the Guildhall, before Richard Lacer and Simon de Worstede, Aldermen, Thomas de Ispania and John Blaunch, commoners, auditors of the said account, which is for a period of two and a half years from Michaelmas, 20 Edward III. [A.D. 1346].

Fo. clxvi b.

Custodia pueror' Ric'i Salman.

Monday before the Feast of SS. Simon and Jude [28 Oct.], 23 Edward III. [A.D. 1349], came William Pycot, draper, and Johanna his wife before John Lovekyn, the Mayor, Roger de Depham and other Aldermen [not named], and Thomas de Waldene, the Chamberlain, and acknowledged the receipt of certain sums of money from John Wiliot and Robert (de) Four-

[1] It is recorded in 'Pleas and Memoranda,' Roll A 17, membr. 4 dors, under date 13 April, 46 Edward III. [A.D. 1372], that Juliana, daughter of John Sellyng, came before the Mayor and Aldermen and acknowledged she had received from John Lytlyngtone the sum of £3 2*s.* 4*d.* by way of loan, and agreed that he should recoup himself out of rent assigned to her by William de Stoke, "taillour," to the extent of 100*s.*, which amount was in the keeping of the said William as guardian of the said Juliana, "as appears in the book marked with the letter F, fo. clxv."

neux, executors of Hugh de "Stouwe," draper, executor of Richard Salman, in trust for Nicholas and Robert, children of the said Richard, of whom the said William and Johanna had been appointed guardians. Sureties, viz., John de Flaundene, "hosier," Robert de Lederede, "hosier," and Robert de Wakefeld, woolmonger.

Exoneracio de custod' predictis.

Afterwards, viz., on Saturday before the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul [25 Jan.], 40 Edward III. [A.D. 1366–7], the above William and Johanna and their sureties were discharged.

Script' Will'i de Naples de ten' extra Lodegate.

Lease by John Lovekyn, the Mayor, the Aldermen, and the rest of the citizens to William de Naples of a piece of vacant land outside Lodegate, situate near the tenement of Robert de Hotokeshater and Agnes his wife, for a term of eighty years, at an annual rent of 60*s*. Dated Monday after the Feast of St. Edmund the King [20 Nov.], 22 Edward III. [A.D. 1348].

Fo. clxvii.

Vaginarii.

Friday the Feast of St. Edmund the King [20 Nov.], 23 Edward III. [A.D. 1349], Walter de Rychemond, Richard Warde, Peter de Berdefeld, and John de Shirbourn, sheathers, sworn before Walter Turk, the Mayor, to keep the articles of their mistery.

Tassemakers.

Petition of Tasse-makers (*les fesours des Tasses*[1]) to the Mayor and Aldermen that the following ordinances may be permitted for the good of their mistery and common weal, viz. :—

First, that no foreigner hold shop nor trade in things appertaining to the mistery before he be made free by the officers and examined by the masters of the mistery whether he be fit for that mistery and estate or not.

Item, that if any foreigner come to the City to work and make profit he make nothing before he has submitted himself to the masters of the said mistery (*cel office*) and been examined as to his ability, and they have ordained what he should reasonably take by the week for his work, so that the master may be able to maintain his estate and the servant make an honest livelihood.

[1] Purse or pouch-makers. *Tasse*, poche, sorte de bourse (Roquefort, 'Glossaire,' *s. v.*). Cf. Letter-Book G, fo. cclxxxiv ; 'Memorials,' p. 360.

Item, that no one of the mistery procure or cause to be procured, privily or openly, servants or hirelings (*lowis*) of others of the mistery, whereby a master may become worse served by day or night, under penalty of 40*s*. to the Chamber of the Guildhall on conviction, and that a master may recover his runaway servant without offence.

Item, that if any servant of the mistery who has conducted himself well and loyally towards his masters fall ill, so that he cannot maintain himself, he be relieved by the good men until he be able to maintain himself.

Fo. clxvii b. *Item*, if any servant of the mistery be of bad behaviour, and declines to amend, and be convicted of some falsity, that he abjure the mistery until he can regain favour.

Item, that no one of the mistery take an apprentice unless he be himself a freeman of the City, nor any hireling unless he be proved by the masters of the mistery to know his business (*mestier*), and if any hireling be in the said mistery without knowing his business, let him be put out if he will not become an apprentice.

Item, that, if any one of the mistery be found working within the City or without, privily or openly, or trading in things appertaining to the mistery, contrary to the form and reason here prescribed, his work or merchandise be forfeited, wheresoever found, to the use of the Chamber.

Item, if any work of the mistery be found within the City or elsewhere that is deemed to be bad or unprofitable for the community, at the discretion of the Mayor and Aldermen and the Masters of the mistery, that such work be taken and carried to the Mayor and Aldermen, and be by them declared to be good or bad, according as they shall find it.

Wednesday after the Feast of the Decollation of St. John Bapt. [29 Aug.], 30 Edward III. [A.D. 1356], John atte More Richard de Covyntre, Thomas le Pipere, Roger de Henle, John Rosemound, and Richard Coupere, who had formerly been sworn to keep the articles above written, were removed by common assent of the whole mistery, and the following were

elected and sworn in their place, viz., William de Thynde, John Chert, Richard Spark, Dediric le Newemawe, "Fleammynge."

Custodia Elen filie Joh'is le Parmenter de Ebor'.

Monday after the Feast of St. Lucia [13 Dec.], 23 Edward III. [A.D. 1349], the guardianship of Elena, daughter of John le Parmenter of York, committed to William de Spershore, "chaloner," and Johanna his wife, by Walter Turk, Mayor, Roger de Depham and the rest of the Aldermen [not named], and Thomas de Waldene, the Chamberlain, together with a certain sum of money received from Robert de Wodham, executor of Robert de Haugham, who was executor of the aforesaid John le Parmenter. Sureties, viz., Hamo, son of Hugh de Waltham, "pesshoner," Robert de Tewekysbury, "webbe," Ralph Campion, beadle of the Ward of Algate, and Richard Bridd, "heaumer."

Fo. clxviii.

Br'e ne aliquis transeat mare.

Writ to the Mayor and Sheriffs for proclamation to be made against any leaving the kingdom except well-known merchants, inasmuch as the country had become so much depopulated by the pestilence and the Treasury exhausted. Witness the King at Westminster, 1 Dec., 23 Edward III. [A.D. 1349].[1]

Writ to the Sheriffs for proclamation to be made against artificers and others demanding higher wages than the average they were receiving before the pestilence, in accordance with the terms of a previous ordinance,[2] under pain of imprisonment. Witness the King at Westminster, 21 Nov., 23 Edward III. [A.D. 1349].

Fo. clxviii b.

De sutoribus et aliis operarii castigand'.

Writ to the Mayor and Sheriffs for enforcing the ordinance forbidding artificers and others demanding higher wages than the average of what they were receiving before the pestilence. Witness the King at Westminster, 8 Dec., 23 Edward III. [A.D. 1349].

Fo. clxix.

Quod operarii capiant stipendia ut solebant et non ultra.

Writ to the taxors and collectors of the tenth and fifteenth last granted[3] to the King by the laity that they see that any excess of wages demanded by artificers and others contrary to

[1] Rymer, 'Fœdera,' vol. iii. pt. i. p. 191.

[2] *Vide supra*, p. 192.

[3] The Parliament which met on the 31st March, 1348, granted the King a tenth and fifteenth for three years. Stubbs, 'Const. Hist.,' ii. 398.

the ordinance made thereon be applied towards relieving the burdens of the realm. Witness the King at Westminster, 21 Nov., 23 Edward III. [A.D. 1349].

Fo. clxix b.

Custodia Thome fil' Rog'i le Carpenter spyc'.

Wednesday before the Nativity of the Lord [25 Dec.], 23 Edward III. [A.D. 1349], the guardianship of Thomas, son of Roger le Carpenter, "spycer," committed to Thomas de Brandone, mercer, by Walter Turk, Mayor, Richard Lacer, Roger de Depham, Aldermen, and Thomas de Waldene, the Chamberlain, by assent of William de Chalk and Agnes his wife, the aunt and nearest friend of the said Thomas, together with the sum of £45, and rents of the value of 105*s.* 9½*d.*, to hold in trust for the said infant, who is not to marry without permission of the Mayor and Aldermen. Sureties, viz., Richard Vyncent, Rector of the Church of St. Benedict de Shorhogge,[1] who holds a lay fee in the parish of St. Augustine, near St. Paul's gate, and Adam Fraunceys, mercer.

And be it known that of the aforesaid sum of 105*s.* 9½*d.* there ought to be subtracted 2 marks annual rent due to the Prior of the New Hospital of St. Mary without Bisshopesgate.

Gaunters.

Ordinances made by the good folk of the Glovers of London.[2] [No date.]

Fo. clxx.

And be it known that the underwritten were elected by the wiser and wealthier men of the aforesaid mistery to keep the above articles, and were sworn before the Mayor and Aldermen so to do, viz., Robert de Goldesburgh, Thomas de Gloucestre, John de Norwyche, John le Barber, William de Derby, and John de Wodhulle.

20 Jan., 36 Edward III. [A.D. 1362–3], Thomas, son of Roger le Carpenter, spicer, came before Stephen Cavendisshe, the Mayor, and John de Cauntebrigge, the Chamberlain, and acknowledged he had received from Thomas de Brandone, mercer, and Richard Vyncent, Rector of the Church of St. Benedict de Shorhoge, and Adam Fraunceys, mercer, all property due to him on the death of his father, and gave acquittance for the same.

[1] Cf. Hust. Roll 83 (80) (81). He appears to have held the incumbency from 1329 until his death in 1390. See Hennessy's 'Novum Repertorium,' p. 387.

[2] Set out in 'Memorials,' pp. 245-7.

Tuesday after the Feast of Epiphany [6 Jan.], 23 Edward III. [A.D. 1349–50], the guardianship of Alan, son of Richard atte Mede, committed to John de Ponfreyt, blader, by Walter Turk, the Mayor, Roger de Depham, William de Weld, and the rest of the Aldermen [not named], and Thomas de Waldene, the Chamberlain. Sureties, viz., Philip de Moundeville, woolmonger, and Roger atte Stone, blader. Fo. clxx b *Custodia Alani fil' Ric'i atte Mede.*

The same day the guardianship of William, son of the above Richard atte Mede, committed to Philip de Moundeville, woolmonger, by the same. Sureties, viz., John de Ponfreyt, blader. and Roger atte Stone, blader. *Custodia Will'i fil' Ric'i atte Mede*

Writ to the Mayor and Sheriffs for proclamation to be made against vintners, fishmongers, &c., forestalling the market. Witness the King at Westminster, 20 Dec., 23 Edward III. [A.D. 1349]. Fo. clxxi. *Br'e de vinetariis et pis enariis et aliis mesteris pro forstallacione victual'.*

Proclamation made accordingly on Sunday after the Feast of the Circumcision [1 Jan.]. The writ, after proclamation made, was delivered to Walter Turk, the Mayor.

Writ to the Mayor and Sheriffs for proclamation to be made against any man-at-arms, pilgrim (*peregrinus*), or other person leaving the kingdom without the King's permission, and for the arrest of such persons as are found doing to the contrary. Witness the King at Westminster, 28 Jan., 24 Edward III. [A.D. 1349–50]. Fo. clxxi b.

The writ remains in possession of Ralph de Lenne to carry into execution.

Friday after the Feast of the Purification B. M. [2 Feb.], 24 Edward III. [A.D. 1349–50], came Nicholas de Waltham, chaplain, executor of Adam Chaumberleyn, mercer, who was executor of Alan de Aylesham and of Elizabeth, wife of John de Aylesham, and the same day came William de Weld, draper, and Agnes his wife, executrix of William de la Pannetrie, and brought into court before Walter Turk, the Mayor, Roger de Depham and other Aldermen [not named], and Thomas de Waldene, the Chamberlain, divers sums of money bequeathed to Thomas and Alice, children of the aforesaid John *Custodia Alic' fil' Joh'is de Aylesham.*

de Aylesham.[1] Out of this money there was delivered to Simon de Worsted, executor of the said John, the sum of £61 16*s.* of the goods of Thomas, son of the said John, who had died; to the above Nicholas de Waltham the sum of £16 15*s.* to fulfil the will of the above Elizabeth; to Richard de Prestone, husband of Dyonisia, daughter of John de Aylesham, now dead, the sum of £11 3*s.*; and to William de Welde and Agnes his wife, another daughter of the said John,[2] a similar sum. The balance was committed to Simon de Worstede, mercer, and William de Welde, draper, in trust for Alice, another daughter of the said John.

Fo. clxxii.

Custodia Thom' fil' Rog'i Pycott mercer'.

Tuesday after the Feast of St. Valentine [14 Feb.], 24 Edward III. [A.D. 1349–50], the guardianship of Thomas, son of Roger Pycot, mercer, committed to William de Todenham, mercer, by Walter Turk, the Mayor, William de Welde and Simon de Worstede, Aldermen, and Thomas de Waldene, the Chamberlain. The infant not to marry without the assent of the Mayor and Aldermen for the time being. Surety, viz., Richard de Notingham, mercer.

Exoneracio custod' Thom' fil' Rogeri Pycot.

Afterwards, viz., on the 3rd March, 42 Edward III. [A.D. 1367–8], came the above Thomas, son of Roger "Pykot," then of full age, before James Andrew, the Mayor, and the Aldermen, and John de Cantebrigge, the Chamberlain, and acknowledged satisfaction of all property due to him, and he acquitted his guardian.

Fo. clxxii b.

Custodia Simonis fil' Rog'i Pycot.

Tuesday after the Feast of St. Valentine [14 Feb.], 24 Edward III. [A.D. 1349–50], the guardianship of Simon, son of Roger Picot, committed to Nicholas Ploket, mercer, by Walter Turk, the Mayor, William de Welde and Simon de Worstede, Aldermen, and Thomas de Waldene, the Chamberlain, together with his patrimony. Surety, viz., William de Todenham, mercer.

[1] Cf. *supra*, p. 137.

[2] The name of this daughter has been inadvertently omitted by the editor in his abstract of the will of John de Aylesham, proved and enrolled in the Husting in November, 1345. (See 'Cal. of Wills,' i. 483-4.) No bequest appears to have been made to Agnes herself, but she is mentioned as the mother of Margaret, wife of William de la Panetrie, who had 10 marks on her marriage.

Afterwards, viz., on the 10th May, 42 Edward III. [A.D. 1368], came the above Simon, being of full age, before James Andrew, the Mayor, and the Aldermen, and acknowledged satisfaction.

Custodia Thome de Isselham fil' Joh'is de Isselham de Fletestrete.

Monday after the Feast of St. Valentine [14 Feb.], 24 Edward III. [A.D. 1349–50], the guardianship of Thomas, son of John de Isselham, committed to Robert de Asshe by Walter Turk, the Mayor, Roger de Depham and other Aldermen [not named], and Thomas de Waldene, the Chamberlain, together with a messuage in the parish of St. Bride de Fletestrete. The infant not to marry without the assent of the Mayor and Aldermen for the time being. Sureties, viz., Nicholas Lyghtfot, Nicholas de Horwode, John de Horwode, junior, and William Bever.

Fo. clxxiii.

Les Articles des Toundours.

Petition of the Shearmen (*Toundres*) of the City for certain ordinances[1] to be allowed by the Mayor and Aldermen for the government of the mistery. Shearmen (*tonsores*) elected and sworn to keep the above ordinances, viz., Jordan de Langedone, John de Oxenford, Richard White, Walter Duke, John de Asshbourne, Richard de Chesham, John de Sandewych, Philip atte March,[2] Hamo Sherman, Nicholas Dereby, John Calthoppe, John Wassebourne.

Fo. clxxiii b.

Monday after the Feast of St. Valentine [14 Feb.], 24 Edward III. [A.D. 1349–50], the guardianship of Isabella, daughter of Richard de Hakeneye, late Alderman, committed to Richard her brother, together with divers chattels, as set out,[3] bequeathed to her by Alice her mother,[4] wife of the aforesaid Richard de Hakeneye.

Fo. clxxiv.

Letters patent appointing John de Stable, mercer, Nicholas Hotot, "laner," John de Cressyngham, and John Martyn, "grosser," to collect the subsidy granted to the King by the merchants of the realm in aid of a naval force for safeguarding the sea, viz., 2*s.* on every sack of wool, 12*d.* on every cask of

[1] Set out in 'Memorials,' pp. 247-8.

[2] Of the above eight names six are struck through and marked as dead, sick, or as living outside the City—another significant proof of the ravages of the Black Death.

[3] See 'Memorials,' pp. 248-9.

[4] Her will proved and enrolled in the Husting on the same day as provision was made for the guardianship of her daughter. She probably fell a victim to the Plague. 'Cal. of Wills,' i. 625-6.

wine, and 6*d.* on every pound of other merchandise.[1] Witness the King at Westminster, 28 Feb., 24 Edward III. [A.D. 1349-50].

The above commission delivered to John de Cressyngham in the presence of Walter Turk, the Mayor, on the 4th March about sunset by John de Bray, *Hostiar' Recepte.*

Articles of the Pynners.[2]

Fo. clxxiv b.

sol. ij*s.* vj*d.*

Acquittance by Thomas, son of Thomas Hauteyn, late pepperer, for the sum of £80, received from William Holbeche, draper, for rent due for a certain tenement in the parish of St. "Beneyt" Shorhog. Dated 1 Jan., 23 Edward III. [A.D. 1349-50].

Acknowledged before Walter Turk, the Mayor, Roger de Depham, Alderman, and Thomas de Waldene, the Chamberlain, 3 March.

sol. ij*s.* vj*d.*

Lease by William "Forniaux" (or "Forneaux"), fishmonger, and Margaret his wife, daughter of William Fenyan, to William Sparke, armourer, of a certain shop at the north corner of Bercherslane,[3] and grant to the same of certain rents, for a term of seven years. Walter Turk, Mayor, Adam de Buri and Ralph de Lenne, Sheriffs. Witnesses, John de Coloigne, Ralph de Cauntebruge, John de Oxenford, Robert de Stratford, William Credil, and others [not named]. Dated 3 Nov., 23 Edward III. [A.D. 1349].

Fo. clxxv.

Custodia pueror' Thome de Cantuaria quondam civis et pannarii London'.

Friday the Feast of St. Gregory [12 March], 24 Edward III. [A.D. 1349-50], the wardship of John, Simon, William, and Thomas, sons of Thomas de Canterbury, late draper, committed by Walter Turk, the Mayor, the Aldermen, and Thomas de Waldene, the Chamberlain, to Thomas de Kent, draper, brother of the aforesaid infants on the side (*ex parte*) of Margery their mother, together with their patrimony. Sureties, viz., John de Hiltoft, goldsmith, William de Hatfeld, goldsmith, John de Enefeld, pepperer, and Nicholas, son of William Lightfot, late saddler (*cellar'*).

[1] *Vide supra*, pp. 159-60, 178.

[2] The ordinances which follow are struck out because entered in Letter-Book G, fo. xlviii, as noted in the margin.

[3] Birchin Lane.

Fo. clxxv b.

False Cerotece et Pouches combust'.

Monday after the Feast of St. Gregory [12 March], 24 Edward III. [A.D. 1349–50], divers gloves and braels called "bregirdeles"[1] found upon John Fraunceis de Norhamptone, John de la Cusyn, John atte Stile, Thomas de Wayllyhs, Richard le Pynnere, John de Astone, Richard de Shrewsbury (*Salop'*), Alice Blake, William Tristram, John Chapman, and John Ode were presented before the Mayor and Aldermen as falsely made, and were condemned to be burnt near the Stone Cross in Chepe.

The same day certain false "pouches" found upon Pelegrin de Lessclues, Handekyn Stompcost, Pelegrin Johansone, and Agnes de Salesburi were ordered to be burnt.[2]

Indentura int' Thom' de Neuport et exec' test'i Simonis de Adyngton'.

Indenture between Thomas de Neuport and Johanna his wife, widow of Simon de Adyngton, guardians of John, son of the said Simon, of the one part, and John Piel, junior, John de Mortone, clerk, and William de Hockele, executors of the said Simon, of the other part, touching property due to the said Johanna and John, made in the presence of John Lovekyn, Henry Pycard, Adam Brabazoun, Simon Dolsely, Richard de Kyslyngburi, John Peche, William de Todenham, Simon de Worsted, and William de Welde, Aldermen, John de Horwode, Thomas de Nichole, Thomas Morys, Thomas Lyllingestone, Nicholas de Horwode, John de Briklesworth, Richard de Somerford, and other good men [not named]. Friday the Feast of St. Gregory [12 March], 24 Edward III. [A.D. 1349–50].

Fo. clxxvi.

Br've de hominib' armatis.

Writ to the Mayor and Sheriffs for the dispatch of one hundred armed men to Sandewych by the quinzaine of H. Trinity [23 May], as the King was about to cross the sea, for the defence of the realm. Witness the King at Westminster, 20 March, 24 Edward III. [A.D. 1349–50].

[1] According to Riley ('Memorials,' p. 134n.) "brace-girdles," belts for supplying the place of "braels" or braces; but according to Dr. Murray ('New Engl. Dict.') the term "brael" signifies a *breech*-girdle or waist-belt for keeping up the *breeches*, the etymology of "brace" and "brael" being entirely different.

[2] Printed in Riley's 'Memorials' (pp. 249-50). The editor, however, has misread some of the names.

Ordinacio des Sheremen.

Petition of Shearmen (*Toundours*) free of the City to the Mayor, Sheriffs, and Aldermen, that, notwithstanding their recent order fixing the price of piece-work in the mistery, the petitioners might be allowed to punish the piece-workers who did their work in a slovenly manner. [No date.][1]

Fo. clxxvi b.

Br'e pro collectoribus Custume lanar' colligend' eligend'.

Writ to the Mayor, Sheriffs, and the Commonalty of the City for the election of two discreet men to collect the King's custom on wool, hides, and woolfells in the City and port of the same, who shall appear before the King and his Council at Westminster on Friday the eve of SS. Philip and James [1 May] next at the latest. Witness the King at Westminster, 16 April, 24 Edward III. [A.D. 1350].

The above writ was not returned because contrary to the franchise, &c. And William de Iford, on the part of the Commonalty, proceeded to the King's Council to excuse the citizens of such a burden, and they were excused, and the writ remains among the files of Common Pleas, anno xxiiii.

Br'e ad certificand' Tes' et Baronib' de Scaccario de hominib' ad arma miss' d'no Regi.

Writ of certiorari to Walter Turk, the Mayor, and Adam de Buri and Ralph de Lenne, the Sheriffs, for a return to be made into the Exchequer of particulars of the armed force alleged to have been dispatched by John de Bedeford, anno 2 Edward III., to the King at Stanhope, and of disbursements made by him on that account. Witness W[illiam de Edindon], Bishop of Winchester, the King's Treasurer, at Westminster, 8 April, 24 Edward III. [A.D. 1350].

Returnum br'is predicti.

Return made to the effect that the Rolls, &c., had been searched, and it had been found that at the King's command 100 men-at-arms and 100 footmen had been sent by the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City to Scotland in aid of the war, each armed man receiving for wages, &c., 100*s.*; and further that John de Bedeford was their leader, and had in his company 20 men-at-arms besides the aforesaid 100 men-at-arms, and 160 archers, who received nothing from the City, &c.

Fo. clxxvii.

L'ra missa d'no pape.

Letter from the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty to Pope Clement VI. praying his Holiness to appoint Brother John de Worthyn, the Pope's chaplain, to grant absolution in the City,

[1] Set out in 'Memorials,' pp. 250-1.

and that in the event of his decease some other Brother of the Order of Preachers might be appointed in his place, inasmuch as citizens of London were prevented from visiting Rome owing to pestilence and war. Dated 2 April [A.D. 1350].[1]

Exoneracio executor' Joh'is de Guldeford de £iiij^xx viij : vj s. : viij d.

Saturday before the Feast of All Saints [1 Nov.], 23 Edward III. [A.D. 1349], John Lucas, Peter Semere, and Richard de Tiscote, executors of John de Gildeford,[2] delivered to Thomas de Waldene, the Chamberlain, in the presence of Walter Turk, the Mayor, Roger de Depham, the Recorder, Adam de Bury, Sheriff, John de Shirbourne and William de Iforde a sum of £88 6*s.* 8*d.* which had been entrusted to the said John de Gildeford by Nicholas Blake, and which had been bequeathed by Peter Nayere[3] to Nicholas his son.

Afterwards, viz., on Tuesday before the Feast of the Conception B. M. [8 Dec.], the same year, came William de Glendale and Agnes his wife, daughter of Peter Nayere, armourer, Simon de Beverley and Leticia his wife, another daughter of the same, and Isolda, another daughter of the same, before Richard de Kyslyngbury, the Mayor, Richard Lacer, Roger de Depham, Simon Dolsaly, Simon de Worstede, William de Welde, and the rest of the Aldermen [not named], and declared the aforesaid Nicholas, son of Peter, to be dead, and proffered his nuncupative will,[4] proved before William de Bordesleye, clerk of Sir Ralph [de Stratford], Bishop of London, to the effect that he left to the said Leticia, Agnes, and Isolda, his sisters, all goods and chattels bequeathed to him by his father; and they asked that a sum of money in gold, a "mitre," and other ornaments which remained in the custody of Thomas de Waldene, the Chamberlain, might be delivered to the said Agnes, Leticia, and Isolda, according to the terms of the wills of the aforesaid Peter and Nicholas. After examination of the said wills, the Mayor and Aldermen ordered the same to be delivered to the claimants.

[1] 'Memorials,' pp. 251-2.
[2] See 'Cal. of Wills,' i. 616.
[3] *Id.*, i. 535.
[4] The fact that he made a nuncupative will (*i.e.*, a will not in writing) suggests that he was taken ill (of the Plague ?) and died suddenly.

Fo. clxxvii b.

Poletarii convicti de Forstallaria.

Pleas held before Walter Turk, the Mayor, and Ralph de Lenne and Adam de Bury, the Sheriffs, on Tuesday after the Feast of St. George [23 April], 24 Edward III. [A.D. 1350]: Walter Martyn, John Aumbrey, Richard Donmowe, Juliana, wife of Adam le Poleter, Geoffrey Proude, Edmund Gyrdeler, Adam Rote, John de Hamme, John le Cook, Rose la Hokestere, Roger Neubolt, Richard Fader, John Berenger, Is[abella] Poteles, William Tychynglombe, Osbert Wynter, Osbert de Mondene, John Pople, William Pykebon, Walter Thurstone, Agnes Scot, Cristina de Crepulgate, and Rouland Colbroke, poulterers, indicted before the Mayor and Sheriffs as forestallers of poultry. All except Rouland "de" Colbroke found guilty by a jury. William Tychynglombe, who had been formerly convicted of the same offence before Simon Fraunceys, Mayor, and John Lovekyn and Richard de Keslyngbury, Sheriffs, condemned to the pillory, and the rest committed to prison, this being their first conviction. The names of the jurors, viz., John de Somersham, Thomas de Same, John Charteneys, Walter Page, Robert de Hatfeld, John le Clerk, John Herwardstoke, Richard Palmere, Ralph Cauntebrigge, Richard Claveryngge, Thomas Levelife, and Ralph Chaundeler.

Judicium pillorie pro carnib' putridis.

Thursday after the Feast of St. George [23 April], 24 Edward III. [A.D. 1350], Edmund de Ware and Reginald Bridel, "bochers," attached by Adam de Bury and Ralph de Lenne, Sheriffs, for having exposed putrid meat for sale in the parish of St. Nicholas at the Shambles, and condemned to the pillory, the meat being burnt under them.

Pleas held before Walter Turk, the Mayor, and Adam de Buri and Ralph de Lenne, Sheriffs, Friday the eve of SS. Philip and James [1 May], 24 Edward III. [A.D. 1350]: John le Wheler, Margery Osekyn, Is[abella] de Hakeneye, William Syvyer, Adam Spicer, John "Reynys," John de St. "Ivos," and Thomas Spencer indicted as forestallers of poultry and other victuals. John "Reynes" alone acknowledges his guilt. The rest found guilty by a jury and committed to prison, *quousque*, &c. The names of the jurors, viz., John de Oxon', Walter Page, Thomas Gander, Richard Bisshop, John

atte Dych, Thomas Gatyn, John Bullok, Thomas de Same, Robert de Manhale, John atte Belle, William Danyel, and John le Clerc.

Letter from Walter Turk, Mayor, the Aldermen and Commonalty of the City to Pope Clement VI. recommending to his notice Master Richard Cleaungre, a poor theological scholar. Dated 1 May [A.D. 1350]. Fo. clxxviii. *L'ra miss' sanctissimo Pape pro mag'ro Ric'o "Cleangre," clerico.*

Letter from the same to Master Nicholas de Hethe[1] asking his interest with the Pope on behalf of the above Master Richard "de" Cleaungre, a simple but learned clerk, who was cousin of Andrew Aubrey. The writers had been induced to ask him this favour, inasmuch as they had heard of his great influence from Brother John Worthyn. Dated 1 May [A.D. 1350].[2] *L'ra miss' mag'ro Nich'o de Hethe pro mag'ro Ric'o de Cleaungr'.*

Letter from the same to Cardinal Peter of Penestrina[3] desiring his good offices for securing promotion in the Church for the above Master Richard Cleaungre, who was held in high esteem by the University of Oxford. Dated 1 May [A.D. 1350].

Wednesday before the Feast of St. Barnabas [11 June], 24 Edward III. [A.D. 1350], came Thomas le Gardenir, of co. Suffolk, and Elizabeth his wife, widow and executrix of Nicholas atte Mersche, mercer, and brought into court before Walter Turke, the Mayor, Andrew Aubrey, Simon Fraunceis, John Lovekyn, Simon Dolsely, William de Welde, Simon de Worstede, Roger de Depham, and the rest of the Aldermen [not named], and Thomas de Waldene, the Chamberlain, the will of the aforesaid Nicholas, proved before Walter de Merstone, the Commissary of the Bishop of London, and also before Richard de Wirmyngtone, Fo. clxxviii b.

[1] In February, 1351, the civic authorities had occasion to call him to task for failing to obtain certain Papal Bulls for the City for which the Mayor, Andrew Aubrey, had foolishly handed over to him a sum of money. He was afterwards committed to prison, but obtained his release by the King's intervention. See 'Cal. of Letters, A.D. 1350-1370' (printed by order of the Corporation), pp. 8-9. Rymer, 'Fœdera,' vol. iii. pt. i. p. 255.

[2] Set out in 'Memorials,' pp. 252-3.

[3] Palæstrina or Præneste. The Cardinal, in conjunction with Ambald (Annibale Ceccano), Bishop of Tusculum, had acted as mediators on behalf of the Pope to bring about the truce between England and France in 1343. *Vide supra*, p. 88.

the Dean of Arches, in 1346, in which the testator bequeathed the sum of £40 to each of his sons John and Thomas. The said sons being now dead, the said Thomas and Elizabeth prayed that the money might be delivered to them, and their prayer was granted. Thereupon the executors of the aforesaid Nicholas paid over the money, and certain recognizances were cancelled.

Fo. clxxix. Letters patent granting an indemnity to the Mayor, Sheriffs, and Aldermen, and all others engaged in arresting misdoers who had flocked to the City after the cessation of the pestilence[1] and threatened the peace of the City. Witness the King at Westminster, 29 Dec., 23 Edward III. [A.D. 1349].

Fo. clxxix b. Acquittance by Thomas Gerard, "chiesmongere," to Cristina, late wife of Cambin Fulbert,[2] executrix of William de Thurnestone, chaplain, uncle of the said Cristina, for all goods, chattels, &c., due to her under her uncle's will. Witnesses, Roger Ragas, John atte Belle, Master Richard le Mareschal, William de Dalby, Alexander Avenel, Thomas de Santone, clerk, and others [not named]. Dated Wednesday after the Feast of St. John ante portam Latinam [6 May], A.D. 1350.

Acknowledged the same day before John Pecche, Alderman, and Thomas de Waldene, the Chamberlain.

Custodia Thom' fil' Will'i Ostage. Monday the Feast of St. Petronilla [31 May], 24 Edward III. [A.D. 1350], the guardianship of Thomas, son of William Ostage, committed to William Laurence, fishmonger, by Walter Turk, the Mayor, Roger de Depham, Adam Brabason, William de Welde, Simon de Worstede, Aldermen, and Thomas de Waldene, the Chamberlain, together with his property. Sureties, viz., Ralph de Cauntebrigge, John de Herwardstoke, John Monkoy, and Thomas "Levenyf."

Fo. clxxx. *Custodia pueror' Joh'is de Thame.* Thursday after the Feast of St. Petronilla [31 May], 24 Edward III. [A.D. 1350], the guardianship of Henry, son of John de Thame, and Margaret and Agnes, sisters of the said Henry, committed by William de Welde, Alderman, and Thomas de Waldene, the Chamberlain, to Johanna their mother, together with their property, comprising a tenement in the parish of

[1] The Black Death of 1348-9.

[2] His will enrolled in the Husting in 1346. 'Cal. of Wills,' i. 488.

St. Botolph without Aldersgate. Sureties, viz., Henry de Frowyk, William Spark, John Peyntour, "fourbour," and Robert de Thame, mercer.

The same day came Robert de Thame, mercer, and acknowledged that he had received the sum of £17 from the above Johanna, to trade withal for the benefit of the above Agnes. Sureties, viz., William de Thame, "blader," and William Spark, armourer.

Fo. clxxx b.

Custodia Juliane fil' Ad' Aspal civis et pelliparii London' junioris.

Saturday after the Feast of St. Barnabas [11 June], 24 Edward III. [A.D. 1350], the guardianship of Juliana, daughter of Adam Aspal, skinner, the younger, committed by Walter Turk, the Mayor, Roger de Depham, Alderman, and Thomas de Waldene, the Chamberlain, to Thomas de Thame, skinner, and Margaret his wife, aunt and next friend of the said Juliana, together with shops in the parish of St. Christopher and a quit-rent of a tenement formerly belonging to Nicholas Godewyn, in the parish of St. Mary de Wolchirchehawe. Sureties, viz., Ralph de Cauntebrigge, William Laurence, "pessoner," John de Herwardstoke, mercer, Thomas "Levelif," Walter le Forester, and Thomas Spray.

Custodia pueror' Thome de Holbeche civis et pannarii London'.

Tuesday after the Feast of St. John ante portam Latinam [6 May], 24 Edward III. [A.D. 1350], the guardianship of William, son of Thomas Holbeche, draper, and of Alice his sister, committed by Walter Turk, the Mayor, John Lovekyn, Roger de Depham, William de Welde, and Simon de Worstede, Aldermen, and Thomas de Waldene, the Chamberlain, to John Pecche, draper, together with their property, comprising money bequeathed to them by Katherine[1] their mother, wife of Thomas Holbeche. Sureties, viz., Adam de Buri, skinner, and John Custantyn, draper.

Afterwards, viz., on the 10th March, 39 Edward III. [A.D. 1364–5], came the above John Pecche and proved that the above William and Alice were dead, and prayed that he might be discharged.

[1] Her will (dated March, 1349) proved and enrolled in the Court of Husting in the following May. 'Cal. of Wills,' i. 543-4.

Fos. clxxxi–clxxxii. *Ordinacio de stipendiis cementariorum, carpentar' et alior' operarior'.*

Ordinances regulating wages and prices in the City, by assent of Walter Turk, the Mayor, the Aldermen, and Commonalty, for the redress of loss suffered by the inhabitants of the City during the past year through masons, carpenters, and other labourers demanding unreasonable wages.[1]

Fo. clxxxii.

Names of those sworn of each Ward to keep the aforesaid ordinances, viz. :—

EASTERN PART.

Tower: Thomas Brun, Philip Mundeville, John le Barber, beadle.

Byllyngesgate: Adam Canoun, Richard de Evre, William de Shirbourne, Geoffrey de Spaldyng, beadle.

Bridge: Richard Bacoun, Henry de Bosseworth, John de Madefrey, beadle.

Douuegate: John de Neubury, William de Wandesworth, Nicholas de Ideshale, beadle.

Portsokyn: Thomas Copyn, "bocher," Simon de Hatfeld, 'pottere," Simon le Taillour, beadle.

Algate: William Danyel, William de Wymundeswold, Ralph Chaumpion, beadle.

Langebourne: Thomas de Same, John Bullok, Edward le Cordwaner, beadle.

Candelwykestrete: John Lemman, Richard atte Dyche, William le Barber, beadle.

Walbrok: John de Beddeford, John de Oxenford, William Drewe, beadle.

Lymstrete: Thomas atte Walle, Robert le Ridere, Walter le Barber, beadle.

Bysshopesgate: John atte Belle, "hosteler," John de Rummehale, Bartholomew le Renter, beadle.

Cornhulle: Richard de Claverynge, Ralph de Cauntebrege, John le Fuller, beadle.

Bradestrete: John Herwardecastell, Thomas Spray.

[1] Set out in full in 'Memorials,' pp. 253-8. An ordinance was made by the King's Council in 1349 fixing the rate of wages of labourers, whose numbers had been seriously diminished by the Black Death. *Vide supra*, p. 192n.

WESTERN PART.

Vintry: John de Cressingham, John de Wendovre, Ralph de Grantham, beadle. Fo. clxxxii b.

Queenhithe: Thomas de Shene, John Reyner, Walter Herneys, beadle.

Castle Baynard: William atte Corner, Thomas de Sutton, Thomas de St. Alban, beadle.

Cordwanerstrete: John de Kyllingworth, John Belle, Thomas de Horburi, beadle.

Bredstrete: John Tarente, William de Aungre, John de Henneye, beadle.

Farndone Within and Without: Robert Herlawe, William atte Selere, Walter de Chedyngtone, and Simon de Bernerle and Simon de Iswode, beadles.

Chepe: Roger de Caumpes, Richard de Notingham, Robert de Braybroke, beadle.

Colmanstrete: John Deynes, Henry de Ware, Walter Richemond, beadle.

Bassieshawe: Ralph Swon, Walter Salman, Richard Upriht, beadle.

Crepulgate Within and Without: Robert de Pertenhale, Simon Chikesonde, and Nicholas Walsshe and John de Enefeld, beadles.

Aldresgate: Thomas de Cauntebregge, John le Peyntour, William de Leycestre, beadle.

Lease from Richard Loverik de Sandwyche and Isabella his wife, daughter of Gilbert Cros, fishmonger, and Agnes his wife, to Roger atte Stone, merchant, of a certain tenement with garden, wharf, &c., in the parish of St. Mary atte Hull, near Byllingesgate, situate near tenements sometime held by John Londenestone, Robert de Hakeneye, and William Haunsard; to hold the same for a term of twenty years, at an annual rent of 8*s*. Witnesses, John de Caustone, William de Shirbourne, Adam Canoun, Thomas Chaundeler, John Wirhale, Laurence de Beaulieu (*Bello loco*), Thomas de Santone, clerk, and others [not named]. Dated Saturday after the Feast of St. Ambrose [4 April], 24 Edward III. [A.D. 1350]. Fo. clxxxiii.

Scriptum Rog'i atte Stone per Ric'm Loverik de Sandwyche et Is' ux'm ejus.

sol. ij*s.* vj*d.*

Fo. clxxxiii b.

Scriptum Rog'i atte Stone per Ric'm Loverik de Sandwych et Is' ux'em ejus.

Lease from the same to the same of the above property for a term of twelve years, at an annual rent of 30*s*. Witnesses as above. Dated Thursday after the Feast of St. Ambrose [4 April], 24 Edward III. [A.D. 1350].

The above leases acknowledged before Walter Turk, the Mayor, Roger de Depham, Alderman, and Thomas de Waldene, the Chamberlain, on Friday after the Feast of St. John Bapt. [24 June].

Fo. clxxxiv.

Scriptum Rog'i Coggere per Ric'm Loverik de Sandwych et Is' ux'em ejus.

sol. ij*s.* vj*d.*

Lease from the same to Roger Coggere, cordwainer, of a certain tenement in the parish of St. Mary atte Hull, situate near the tenement of Amy Cros, sister of the said Isabella; for a term of twenty years, at an annual rent of 20*s*. Witnesses as above. Dated Friday after the Feast of St. Ambrose [4 April], 24 Edward III. [A.D. 1350].

Fo. clxxxiv b.

Writ to the Sheriffs for proclamation to be made forbidding any one to leave the kingdom for foreign parts before the quinzaine of St. Michael, without the King's special licence. Witness the King at Westminster, 23 June, 24 Edward III. [A.D. 1350].[1]

Les Articles des Fourbours.

Ordinances of the Furbishers[2] approved by Walter Turk, the Mayor, and the Aldermen, on Monday after the Feast of SS. Peter and Paul [29 June], 24 Edward III. [A.D. 1350].

Geoffrey de Meltone, Edward Thorbarne, William de Leycestre, Nicholas de Wyllesthorpe, and Stephen de Beddeford sworn to keep the above ordinances.

Fo. clxxxv.

Salaria et potelli de Peautre falsa et forisfacta.

Monday after the Feast of SS. Peter and Paul [29 June], 24 Edward III. [A.D. 1350], twenty-three measures called "potels" and nineteen salt-cellars of "peautre" condemned as having too great an admixture of lead with tin.[3]

Lease by Edmund Danvers and Isabella Swanlond his wife to William Scot, fishmonger, of a tenement in the parish of St. Peter at "Baynardescastel,"[4] situate near the tenements of William Waterford and Richard Lacer; to hold the same for a term of five years. A bond in the sum of £20 entered into

[1] Printed in Rymer's 'Fœdera,' vol. iii. pt. i. p. 199.

[2] Set out in 'Memorials,' pp. 258-9.

[3] 'Memorials,' pp. 259-60.

[4] Otherwise known as St. Peter's Paul's Wharf, in Queenhithe Ward.

by the lessor for peaceable enjoyment. Witnesses, Henry Byngge, Bartholomew de Torneham, John Burtone, William atte Corner, and others [not named]. Dated the eve of the Translation of St. Thomas [7 July], 24 Edward III. [A.D. 1350]. *sol.* ij*s.* vj*d.*

Writ to the Sheriffs to make proclamation of a truce that had been made with France from the 13th June last past until the 1st August next and one year after. Witness the King at Westminster, 1 July, 24 Edward III. [A.D. 1350].[1] Fo. clxxxv b. *L'ra protreuga int' dn'm Regem et Ph'm de Valeys.*

Saturday after the Feast of Translation of St. Thomas [7 July], 24 Edward III. [A.D. 1350], twenty-five and a half "quissyns," one "coverlyt," and three bankers declared forfeit as being made contrary to the articles of the Tapicers.[2]

Writ to the Sheriffs for proclamation to be made forbidding bathing in the fosses of the Tower or in the fosses or river near the Tower by day or night on pain of forfeiture of life and limb. Witness the King at Westminster, 13 July, 24 Edward III. [A.D. 1350]. Fo. clxxxvi. *Br'e ne alius* [sic] *se balneat in aqua juxta Turr' London' nec in aliqua* [sic] *juxta Turr' London'.*

Commission under the Common Seal of the City appointing Thomas Aubreye, John Hatfeld, and John de Oxonia, skinner, to be the City's Wardens and Attorneys at St. Botolph's Fair.[3] Dated 8 July, 24 Edward III. [A.D. 1350]. *Commissio pro nundinis Sancti Botulphi.*

At a congregation of the Mayor and Aldermen and an immense Commonalty held on Tuesday after the Feast of St. James [25 July], 24 Edward III. [A.D. 1350], there being present Walter Turk, the Mayor, Simon Fraunceys, Richard Lacer, Thomas Leggy, John Lovekyn, Roger de Depham, Adam Brabazon, Richard de Berkyngge, Simon Dolsely, Simon de Worstede, William Welde, Thomas Perle, Aldermen, and Ralph de Lenne, Sheriff, John de Beddeford, Thomas de Brandone, William de Ifford, Richard Smelt, John Wroth, Richard Double, John Lyttle, John de Stodeye, John Blaunche, William de Swalclive, Robert Swote, Henry atte Strete, Henry le Vannere, John Geffrey, Simon de Mordone, John de Refham, and Henry de Boseworth, commoners, it was agreed that

[1] Rymer, 'Fœdera,' vol. iii. pt. i. p. 200.

[2] 'Memorials,' p. 260.

[3] Cf. 'Cal. Letter-Book E,' p. 230.

Thomas de Waldene, the Chamberlain, should pay the Mayor the sum of £100, or, if possible, 200 marks, on account of the heavy expenses of his mayoralty.

On the following Wednesday the sum of £100 was paid to Walter Turk, who subsequently remitted to the Commonalty the remaining 50 marks.

At the same congregation, John Lyttle, fishmonger, and James Andrew, draper, were elected and sworn Wardens of London Bridge.

Fo. clxxxvi b.

Gardinum iuxta murum dimissum Gilb'to de Stayndrop et Agn' ux'i ejus ad terminum vite utriusque eor' pro d'i marc'.

Grant by Walter Turk, the Mayor, the Aldermen, and the rest of the citizens to Gilbert de Stayndrope, goldsmith, and Agnes his wife, of a certain garden opposite Stanynglane and the church of St. Olave de Mugwellestrete for the term of their lives, at an annual rent of 6*s.* 8*d.* Dated Monday after the Feast of St. Barnabas [11 June], 24 Edward III. [A.D. 1350].

4 Aug., 32 Edward III. [A.D. 1358], came Mary, daughter of Roger "le Peautrer," before John de Stodeye, the Mayor, Adam Fraunceys, Roger de Depham, and John de Chichestre, Aldermen, and Thomas de Waldene, the Chamberlain, and acknowledged the receipt of a certain sum of money bequeathed to her by Roger "Syward,"[1] her father, at the hands of John Syward, "peautrer."

Afterwards, viz., on the 2nd Oct., 41 Edward III. [A.D. 1367], came Thomas, son of Roger le Peautrer, before John Lovekyn, the Mayor, William de Haldene, William Welde, John Mytford, John Tornegold, Aldermen, and John de Cantebrigge, the Chamberlain, and acknowledged he had received from Alice, late wife of John Syward, and William Syward, executors of the said John, all his patrimony.

Fo. clxxxvii.

And be it remembered that William, son of Roger le Peautrer, died before he came to full age, so that his portion was divided among the other children of the said Roger.

Fo. clxxxvii b.

The King's writ of Privy Seal to the Mayor, Aldermen, Sheriffs, and Commonalty, informing them of Spain being in

[1] See 'Cal. of Wills,' i. 596.

the act of assembling a force at "Swyne"[1] and elsewhere against England, and of his intention to gather a naval force at Sandwyz by Sunday before the Assumption B. M. [15 Aug.] at the latest to withstand them, and praying the City to furnish two ships, equipped with armed men and archers, and victualled for a month at the least. Dated at "Framyngham,"[2] 24 July [A.D. 1350].

The above writ remains with Thomas de Waldene, the Chamberlain.

Form of precept sent by the Mayor to each Alderman on Thursday before the Feast of St. Laurence [10 Aug.], bidding him prepare a certain number of men-at-arms and archers with a month's pay, and have them ready at the Guildhall on Monday [*sic*] before the Feast of the Assumption [15 Aug.].

Assessment of Wards for 70 armed men and 100 archers to be sent in two London ships to Sandwich by Sunday before the Feast of the Assumption [15 Aug.], 24 Edward III. [A.D. 1350], in the King's service, with the wages of the seamen:—

Colmanstrete, 33*s.* 3*d.*; Cordwanerstrete, 66*s.* 6*d.*; Crepulgate Within, 33*s.* 3*d.*; Crepulgate Without, 9*s.* 6*d.*; Bassieshawe, 19*s.*; Vintry, 38*s.*; Bredestrete, 42*s.* 9*d.*; Farndone Within, 38*s.*; Farndone Without, 38*s.*; Chepe, 71*s.* 3*d.*; Queenhithe, 38*s.*; Aldresgate, 14*s.* 3*d.*; Castle Baynard, 14*s.* 3*d.*

Walbroke, 33*s.* 3*d.*; Cornhulle, 23*s.* 9*d.*; Candelwykstrete, 9*s.* 6*d.*; Bisshopesgate, 23*s.* 9*d.*; Algate, 9*s.* 6*d.*; Portsokyn, 9*s.* 6*d.*; Bradestrete, 33*s.* 3*d.*; Tower, 47*s.* 6*d.*; Bridge, 47*s.* 6*d.*; Billingesgate, 33*s.* 3*d.*; Douuegate, 47*s.* 6*d.*; Langebourne, 33*s.* 3*d.*; Lymstrete, 4*s.* 9*d.* Fo. clxxxviii.

In the ship of Andrew Turk there sailed 40 armed men and 60 archers, viz.:—

From *Colmanstrete Ward*, Luke de Langedone, John de Northfolk, (and one absent), armed men; John de Spondene,

[1] A haven in Flanders, at or near Sluys. Cf. "Le havene del Swyn a l'Escluse." Rymer, 'Fœdera,' vol. ii. pt. ii. p. 1043.

[2] Co. Norf.

Thomas de Whethamstede, John Howeles, and William Silke, archers.

From *Crepulgate Within*, John de Halyngtone, John Parker, Thomas atte Beche, armed men; Richard Cotel, Thomas de Selby, Thomas de Sandwych, and William de Chelmyngton, archers.

From *Cordwanerstrete*, John de Leveryngtone, Robert Kyng, Richard de Cloptone, Henry Chaucer, John de Kyme, Richard Marioun, armed men; Richard Horncastel, Hugh de Leycestre, Ralph Squier, David Malepas, Peter de Thame, Benedict Nityngale, Hugh de Lycchefeld, and Thomas Crumpe, archers.

From *Crepulgate Without*, Henry de Groselee, armed man; and John atte Mulne, archer.

From *Bassieshawe*, John de Kent, Walter Pynnere, armed men; Peter Porter and John Girdeler, archers.

From *Vintry*, John Sparowe, John de Ebor', John Hoppere, armed men; John Baly, John de Yles, John Packer, John atte Grene, and John le Clerc, archers.

From *Bredestrete*, Geoffrey le White, John de Thorntone, John James, John Layner, armed men; Thomas Fraunceys, Thomas de Okele, Robert de Cornwall, Adam de Wygayn, and Adam le Noble, archers.

From *Farndone Within*, Richard Ellesmere, John de Bedeford, John atte Lynde, armed men; John Fraunceys, William de Chestre, William Underlee, John le Pipere, and Thomas de Peccworthe, archers.

Fo. clxxxviii b. From *Farndone Without*, Thomas Dencourt, Thomas de Marcham, John le Freynsshe, armed men; Simon de Paynyswyk, John Wymplee, John atte Felde, Thomas Spicer, and John Smelt, archers.

From *Chepe*, John de Lincoln, Roger le Noble, Robert de Braybroke, Hugh Beneyt, John de Cornwall, William de Norwych, armed men; William de Prestone, Roger de Kelshale, Henry de Westone, William de Cloptone, John de Harlee, John de Northbourne, William de Waltone, William Waleys, and William le Peautrer, archers.

From *Queenhithe*, William Pentiz, Matthew Hunteman, Richard de Bokyngham, armed men; John le Man, John de London, Adam Broune, Robert de Notyngham, and John de Stonham, archers.

From *Aldresgate*, John de Stafford, armed man; Walter Paternostrer and Peter de Warrewik, archers.

From *Castle Baynard*, Henry Sarresyn, armed man; Richard de Shawe, William de Salysbury, archers.

From *Cornhulle*, William de Oxenford and John Beneyt (who made default), armed men; William Bret, William Butt, and John Calleward, archers.

In the ship of Goscelin de Cleve, 30 armed men and 40 archers, viz.:—

From *Walbroke*, Richard de Pellesworth, Geoffrey Creke, Nicholas Percy, armed men; William Cook, John Frere, William de Langestone, and Walter de Lambourne, archers.

From *Candelwykstrete*, Geoffrey Russel, armed man; and Thomas de Chilham, archer.

From *Bisshopesgate*, Robert de Bedeford, William de Whittone, armed men; John de Marleberghe, William de Shawe, and John de Langedone, archers.

From *Algate*, Henry Barber, armed man; and Richard Donmowe, archer.

From *Portsokyn*, Adam de Ledes, armed man; and John de Neuwerk, archer.

From *Bradestrete*, Nicholas Jolife, William de Flete, and another (not named, who made default), armed men; Thomas de Staneford, John de Stafford, John de St. Yves, and Thomas de Beverley, archers.

From *Tower*, Stephen Brune, William de la Marche, William de Beverley, John Marioun, armed men; Walter de Wescote, Alan Phippe, Roger Ingwardyn, Thomas de Massham, Hugh Slynhed, and John Spicer, archers.

From *Bridge*, Richard atte Castel, John Abel, John de Harowe, William de Horncastel, armed men; John de Aucheslee, Ralph de Pattone, William de Bokedene, William atte Hythe, John Osberne, and John de Prestone, archers.

Fo. clxxxix. From *Billingesgate*, Ralph de Cornwall, Richard le Merorer, William de Pentelowe, armed men; Thomas Terel, William de Dertford, William de Maxfeld, and Richard de Maxfeld, archers.

From *Douuegate*, John de Boughtone, Richard Payn, John de Ebor', John de Chalfhunt, armed men; Robert Smalwode, Alexander atte Pery, Walter Neuwent, John de Chestre, Roger de Fletham, and John de Coupeland, archers.

From *Langebourne*, Thomas Lauger, Hugh Luffenham, Thomas Suffolk, armed men; William de Bamptone, William de Hogysdene, John de Ebor', and William Bernard, archers.

From *Lymstrete*, Walter Martyn, archer.

And be it known that the two ships aforesaid set sail on Friday before the Feast of the Assumption [15 Aug.], 24 Edward III. [A.D. 1350], and the seamen had their wages for a month, as appears *infra*, p. 221.

Script' Joh'is de Cressingham et Matill' ux'is sue.

Lease by John de Cressingham, joiner (*junctuar'*), and Matilda his wife, widow of Hamo le Barber, blader, to John, son of the said Hamo, of a certain tenement in the parish of St. Margaret Moysy in Frydaystrete, situate near the tenements of Geoffrey Beauflour, John de Dallyngge, and Robert de Kestevene; to hold the same to the said John for the lifetime of the said Matilda at an annual rent, with remainder according to the terms of his father's will.[1] Walter Turk, Mayor, Adam de Buri and Ralph de Lenne, Sheriffs, Adam Brabazoun, Alderman of the Ward.[2] Witnesses, William de Angre, John de Reffham, John de Stodeye, John Terri, William de Hockelee, Henry Vannere, and others [not named]. Dated Tuesday the eve of St. Michael [29 Sept.], 24 Edward III. [A.D. 1350].

sol. ij*s.* vj*d.*

Fo. clxxxix b. *Script' Joh'is de Horwod et Nich'i fil' ejus per Rog'um atte Tour et Kat'rinam ux'em ejus.*

Grant by Roger atte Tour and Katherine his wife to John de Horwod and Nicholas his son of a certain messuage in St. Laurence Lane, in the parish of St. Mary le Bow, for the lifetime of the said Katherine. Dated Wednesday after the Feast of the Assumption [15 Aug.], 24 Edward III. [A.D. 1350].

[1] Proved and enrolled in the Husting in March, 1349. 'Cal. of Wills,' i. 533.

[2] Bread Street.

Deliberacio £xlv facta Georgio Cosyn et Agn' [sic] ux'i sue ex legato Rog'i Carpinter piperar'.

Be it remembered that on Wednesday after the Feast of St. James [25 July], 24 Edward III. [A.D. 1350], Thomas de Waldene, the Chamberlain, received from John de Stanhope, executor of Roger le Carpenter, "spicer," the sum of £45 in gold to the use of Alice, daughter of the said Roger, until George Cosyn her husband finds surety pursuant to the will of the said Roger.[1]

Afterwards, viz., on Wednesday before the Feast of St. Dunstan [19 May], 25 Edward III. [A.D. 1351], the aforesaid money was delivered to the above George Cosyn and Alice his wife by Richard de Kyslyngbury, the Mayor, and Thomas de Waldene, the Chamberlain, and the said George entered into a bond of indemnity and found sureties, viz., John Flaon, William Cosyn, and William de Caustone, junior.

Fo. cxc.

Friday before the Feast of Assumption [15 Aug.], 24 Edward III. [A.D. 1350], the sum of £15 and 12*d*. was delivered to Robert Scotard, the master of the ship of Andrew Turk, for the wages of the master, a constable (*constabilar'*), and a carpenter.[2]

The same day the sum of £11 11*s*. was delivered to Thomas Ram, master of the ship of Goscelin de Cleve, for a like purpose.

The same day Andrew Turk and Goscelin de Cleve received respectively from the Chamberlain thirty and twenty-six bucklers (*targeas*).[3]

Test'm Will'i "Bentebowe."

Extract from the will of William Bendebowe proved before the Archdeacon of London xv Kal. June [18 May], A.D. 1349, and dated 21 April, A.D. 1349.

Custodia Will'i fil' Will'i Bendbowe.

Pursuant to the above will the guardianship of William, the testator's son, was committed by Walter Turk, the Mayor, the Aldermen, and Thomas de Waldene, the Chamberlain, to John le Iryssh, tailor, on Saturday after the Feast of St. Bartholomew

[1] Proved and enrolled in the Husting in March, 1349. 'Cal. of Wills,' i. 534.

[2] This and the two following entries are referred to *supra*, p. 220.

[3] The interpretation of *targea* in this connexion is open to question, as the term also means "a ship of burden." See Martin's 'Records Interpreter' and Migne's 'Dict.,' *s.v.*

[24 Aug.], 24 Edward III. [A.D. 1350]. Sureties, viz., Nicholas le Sporier and Thomas atte Sloo.

Fo. cxc b.

Custodia Joh'is et Margarete pueror' Rog'i Morel.

Friday after the Feast of Nativity B. M. [8 Sept.], 24 Edward III. [A.D. 1350], the guardianship of John, son of Roger Morel, "hatter," and Margaret his sister committed by Walter Turk, the Mayor, Roger de Depham, Simon de Worstede, and William de Welde, Aldermen, and Thomas de Waldene, the Chamberlain, to John Kyng, called "Prentiz," mercer. Sureties, viz., Thomas Wilcher, "gyrdeler," living in St. Laurence Lane in Jewry, and William de Lincoln, "habirdassher," living in Wodestret.

Custodia Thom' fil' Nich'i de Wyrlingworth civis et aur' London'.

The same day, the guardianship of Thomas, son of Nicholas de Wirlingworth, goldsmith, committed by the same to John de Hiltoft, goldsmith, together with a tenement, &c., in the parish of St. Matthew de Fridaystrete. Sureties, viz., Gilbert de Stayndrop, William de Ippegrave, John Boton', and William "Aqura," goldsmiths.

Afterwards, viz., on Thursday before the Feast of the Nativity B. M. [8 Sept.], 32 Edward III. [A.D. 1358], came the aforesaid Thomas before Roger de Depham, Alderman, and Thomas de Waldene, the Chamberlain, and acknowledged satisfaction of his property and quitclaimed John de Hiltoft.

Fo. cxci.

Br'e pro duob' civib' veniend' coram consilio d'ni Reg'.

Writ to the Mayor and Sheriffs for the election of two representatives of the City to attend the King and his Council on the morrow of St. Matthew [21 Sept.]. Witness the King at Westminster, 8 Sept., 24 Edward III. [A.D. 1350].

Returnum.

Return: We send you Simon Fraunceys and Thomas Dolsely to do as prescribed in the writ.

Writ to the Mayor and Commonalty forbidding them to divert Richard de Kyslingbury, John Litle, Andrew Turke, Thomas de Machyngge, and William de Wyrcestre from carrying out their duties as collectors of the last tenth and fifteenth granted to the King. Witness the King at Hertford, 16 Sept., 24 Edward III. [A.D. 1350].

Fo. cxci b.

Br'e ad inhibend' transitum peregrinorum.

Writ of Privy Seal to the Mayor and Sheriffs forbidding them to allow any one to leave the Port of London on a pilgrimage to Rome, as they had been in the habit of allowing,

without the King's special licence. Dated at Westminster, 3 Oct., 24 Edward III. [A.D. 1350].

Be it known that the above writ was delivered to Thomas de Morlee, clerk of John Not, on Thursday after the octave of St. Michael [29 Sept.], 24 Edward III. [A.D. 1350].

Tuesday the Feast of St. Matthew [21 Sept.], 24 Edward III. [A.D. 1350], in the presence of Walter Turke, Mayor, Roger de Depham, Henry Pycard, Simon Dolsely, Adam de Bury, William de Todenham, John de Gloucestre, William de Welde, Thomas Perle, and Bartholomew Deumars, Aldermen, the executors of Simon de Adyngtone, viz., John Pyel, John de Mortone, clerk, William de Hockele, and others [not named], delivered to Thomas de Waldene, the Chamberlain, the sum of £20 in gold florins called "les Nobles" of the King's coinage, to the use of John, son of the said Simon, aged three-quarters of a year, who was under the guardianship of Thomas de Neuport[1] and Johanna his wife, mother of the said John.

Billa pro electione Maioris.

Monday before the Feast of the Translation of St. Edward [13 Oct.], 24 Edward III. [A.D. 1350], precept (*billa*) sent to each Alderman by the Mayor bidding him attend at the Guildhall on Wednesday the Feast of the Translation of St. Edward aforesaid for the election of a Mayor and to summon four of the best men of his Ward, and have their names endorsed on the precept.

Will'us Dreu abrocar' jur' in mestero Pellipar'

Be it remembered that on Wednesday before the Feast of SS. Simon and Jude [28 Oct.], 24 Edward III. [A.D. 1350], there came Adam de Bury, John Bolo (*sic*), John de Oxon', John de Bedeford, Nicholas Bole, and other good men of the mistery of Skinners, and elected William Dreu to be broker of the said mistery, and the said William was sworn to faithfully execute the office between buyer and seller in the said mistery, &c.

Fo. cxcii.

Writ to the Sheriffs for proclamation to be made for ships engaged in the wine trade with Gascony to proceed forthwith to Plymouth ("Plomuthe"), and thence to set sail under the safe conduct of John de Cheversdone, the King's

[1] Serjeant of the Chamber. *Vide infra*, p. 224.

Seneschal of Gascony, and John Charnels his Constable of Bordeaux. Witness the King at Westminster, 18 Oct., 24 Edward III. [A.D. 1350].[1]

Proclamation made accordingly 21st Oct.

Custodia Joh'is fil' Simonis de Adyngtone.

Wednesday the eve of SS. Simon and Jude [28 Oct.], 24 Edward III. [A.D. 1350], the guardianship of John, son of Simon de Adyngtone, committed to Thomas de Neuport, Serjeant of the Chamber, and to Johanna his wife, the infant's mother, by Walter Turke, the Mayor, Roger de Depham, Alderman, and Thomas de Waldene, the Chamberlain. Sureties, viz., John de Draytone and Thomas de Same, tailors.

Fo. cxcii b.

Custodia Nich'i et Will'i fil' Steph'i le Peautrer.

Wednesday the eve of SS. Simon and Jude [28 Oct.], 24 Edward III. [A.D. 1350], the guardianship of Nicholas and William, sons of Stephen le Peautrer, together with their property, committed by Walter Turke, the Mayor, Roger de Depham, Alderman, and Thomas de Waldene, the Chamberlain, to John de Essex, fripperer. Sureties, viz., John Chaucer,[2] vintner, and Thomas de Same, tailor. A portion of the property of the wards consists of a lease of a certain tavern held by Stephen le Peautrer under Richard de Betoygne, and situate near the house of John de Horwode in Chepe.

Exoneracio custodie predicta. Acquiet'.

Afterwards, viz., on Thursday after the Feast of St. Andrew [30 Nov.], 40 Edward III. [A.D. 1366], the above William declares that Nicholas his brother is dead, and asks that the property of the said Nicholas should be delivered to him. Thereupon came Alice, widow and executrix of the above John de Essex, and delivered up the property, and the said William acknowledged satisfaction and quitclaimed the said Alice in the presence of John Lovekyn, the Mayor, William Haldene, William Welde, and Stephen de Cavendysshe, Aldermen, and John de Cantebrigge, the Chamberlain.

Recognicio pro Margar' filia Ric'i de Staundone orphana. Ideo n'.

Wednesday the eve of St. Martin [11 Nov.], 24 Edward III. [A.D. 1350], came Master Adam le Leche, William de Okham, cordwainer, Simon de Rasen, armourer, Philip de Herlawe, armourer, and John Pople, "poleter," before Richard de

[1] Printed by Delpit, *op. cit.*, p. 76.

[2] Probably the father of Geoffrey, the poet.

Kyslyngbury, the Mayor, Roger de Depham and William de Welde, Aldermen, and Thomas de Waldene, the Chamberlain, and acknowledged themselves bound to Margaret, daughter of Richard de Staundone, aged twelve years, in the sum of £20 which her father had bequeathed to her.

Afterwards, on Wednesday before the Feast of St. Gregory [12 March], 27 Edward III. [A.D. 1352–3], came Adam de Wymondeham, mercer, and the above Margaret his wife, before Adam Fraunceis, the Mayor, the Aldermen, and the Chamberlain, and acknowledged the receipt of the above money from Thomas, son and executor of Richard de Staundone. Therefore the above recognizance is cancelled.

Fo. cxciii.

Br'e quod blada non ducantur extra regnum.

Writ to the Sheriffs to make proclamation against the exportation of corn without first obtaining bills under the seal of Robert de Herle, Captain of the town of Calais, to the effect that the corn was exported for the relief of the King's subjects there. Witness the King at Westminster, 27 Oct., 24 Edward III. [A.D. 1350].[1]

Br'e pro deliberacione gaole de Neuge [sic].

Writ appointing William de Shareshull, Richard de Kelleshulle, Richard de Kyslyngbury, the Mayor of London, Henry de Grene, and William de Nottone to be Justices for gaol delivery of Neugate. Witness the King at Westminster, 8 Nov., 24 Edward III. [A.D. 1350].

Br'e vic' pro eadem deliberacione.

Writ to the Sheriffs notifying the above appointment, and bidding them cause all prisoners to appear before the Commissioners. Witness the King at Westminster, 8 Nov., 24 Edward III. [A.D. 1350].

Eleccio Alderm'.

Monday the eve of St. Andrew [30 Nov.], 24 Edward III. [A.D. 1350], came William de Shirbourne, William Turke, Goscelyn de Clyve, John Pounfrat', Ralph Double, John Mockyngge, Nicholas Storme, Giles Pykeman, Andrew Pykeman, John Courtrey, Alexander de Lenne, and Laurence Belawe, and they elected[2] Ralph de Lenne to be Alderman of the Ward of Billyngesgate.

[1] Rymer, 'Fœdera,' vol. iii. pt. i. p. 207.

[2] The mode of election on this occasion is anomalous. Ralph de Lenne, strange to say, was again elected two years later. *Vide infra*, fo. ccxiv b.

Telar' jur'. The same day William de Mordone and Stephen de Kyngestone were elected and sworn Bailiffs of the mistery of Weavers.

Fo. cxciii b.

Scriptum Thom' Leggy. Acquittance by William de Bergh, clerk, and William de Wychingham, executors of Alice, widow and executrix of Roger de Forsham, to Thomas Leggy for the sum of £153 6*s.* 8*d.*, in full payment of £360, in which the said Thomas had bound himself before the Chamberlain of the Guildhall, anno 21 Edward III., to the said Roger; also release of another bond in the sum of £20 in favour of the said Roger. Witnesses, Ralph de Cauntebrigge, John de Hardyngham, Richard de Claveryngge, William Laurence, Walter Forester, John de Essex, draper, and others [not named]. Dated Tuesday the Feast of St. Andrew [30 Nov.], 24 Edward III. [A.D. 1350].

Nil sol. quia Alderm'.

Acknowledged before Roger de Depham, Alderman, and Thomas de Waldene, the Chamberlain, on Wednesday after the Feast of St. Andrew.

Proclamacio.

Br'e ne Comites Barones Miles nec aliqui homines ad arma seu sagittar' transeant mare. Writ to the Sheriffs for proclamation to be made against any Earl, Baron, Knight, Esquire, or any other man-at-arms or archer leaving the realm for foreign parts without the King's special licence. Witness the King at Westminster, 6 Dec., 24 Edward III. [A.D. 1350].

Fo. cxciv.

Br'e ad eligend' duos cives civitatis ad Parliamentum. Writ to the Sheriffs for the election of two representatives of the City to attend a Parliament to be held at Westminster in the octave of the Purification [2 Feb.].[1] Such representatives to be of the more discreet and powerful class of citizens, and not pleaders, maintainers of quarrels, or men obtaining a livelihood after this fashion (*non placitatores, querelarum manutentores aut ex hujusmodi questu viventes*). Witness the King at Westminster, 25 Nov., 24 Edward III. [A.D. 1350].

The above writ remains in the possession of William de Worcester, Sheriff.

Pleas held before Richard de Kyslyngbury, the Mayor, the Aldermen, John Note and William de Wircestre, the Sheriffs, on Wednesday before the Feast of St. Hillary [13 Jan.], 24 Edward III. [A.D. 1350–1]: Henry de Passelewe, cook,

[1] Sat from the 9th February to the 1st March.

convicted, on the prosecution of Henry Pecche on behalf of the City, of selling a putrid capon, and condemned to stand in the pillory.[1]

Fo. cxciv b.

Br'e ne captores d'ni Regis aut alior' capiant blada aut alia victualia ad civitatem venientia.

Writ to the Mayor and Sheriffs to make proclamation forbidding the King's purveyors and others to intercept corn and other victuals on their way to the City, for fear of producing scarcity at the approaching Parliament. Witness the King at Westminster, 22 Jan., 24 Edward III. [A.D. 1350–1].

Proclamation made accordingly, Wednesday after the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul [25 Jan.], 25 Edward III. [A.D. 1350–1]. The writ remains in the possession of Richard de Kyslyngbury, the Mayor.

Br'e ne vic' fac' sacr'm ad Scaccarium nisi super reddicionem compot'.

Writ to the Treasurer and Barons of the Exchequer that they no longer compel the Sheriffs of the City for the time being to make oath at the Exchequer, except on rendering their accounts pursuant to the King's charter.[2] Witness the King at Worcester, 20 Sept., 3 Edward III. [A.D. 1329].

Fo. cxcv.

Compot' Pont' London'.

Account rendered by Alan Gille and John de Hardingham, late Wardens of London Bridge, before John Lovekyn, Simon Dolsely, and William atte Welde, Aldermen, and John de Westone, "grosser," Richard de Wycombe and John de Houle, commoners, for two years from Michaelmas, 22 Edward III. [A.D. 1348], and thence to the Feast of All Saints [1 Nov.], 24 Edward III. [A.D. 1350], when they were superseded by John le Litle and James Andreu.

Particulars of increased rents belonging to London Bridge accruing in the 23rd and 24th years of Edward III., viz. (*inter alia*), by the will of Henry de Gloucestre, goldsmith, proved in the Husting on Monday after the Feast of St. Hillary

[1] Set out in 'Memorials,' p. 266.

[2] Dated 6 March, 1 Edward III. [A.D. 1326-7]. The question as to whether the Sheriffs-elect could be forced to make oath before the Exchequer on entering upon their office was much debated in 1312 and again in 1315, when it remained still unsettled. In 1324 and two following years, however, the Barons appear to have had their way (see 'Cal. Letter-Book D,' Introd., pp. xiii, xiv); but early in 1327 the question was determined by this charter of Edward III., which received additional force by its having obtained the consent of Parliament.

[13 Jan.], 6 Edward III. [A.D. 1332-3],[1] certain rents of tenements held by William Albon, "pursere," William Boght', Simon "Dolcely," Gylot de London, the Queen's Wardrobe-Keeper (*garderobar' domine Regine*), William de Caustone, John de Lyndesey, Ralph de Lenne, Thomas le Bakere, Richard Syward, Richard Horn, "ferron," Henry de Grofhurst, and Alice, wife of John de Warle, in the parishes of St. Michael le Quern, St. Stephen de Colmanstret, St. Clement near Candelwykstret, St. Mary Magdalen de Eldefisshstret, St. Nicholas Shambles, and elsewhere. Total, £19 14*s.* 10*d.*

Fo. cxcv b. And be it known that Margery, daughter of John de Lyndeseye, holds a certain shop opposite the church of St. Nicholas [at the Shambles] which, after her death, remains for the maintenance of the Bridge, and the same is true of a brewhouse held for life by Robert de Manefeld and Agnes his wife, another daughter of the said John de Lyndeseye.

De Ponte. Thursday after the Feast of All Saints [1 Nov.], 24 Edward III. [A.D. 1350], indenture between Alan Gylle and John de Hardingham, the outgoing Wardens of London Bridge, and John [le] "Litle" and James Andreu, the incoming Wardens, touching the goods and chattels belonging to the Bridge in Southwark.[2]

Fo. cxcvi. Indenture between the same touching books, vestments, and other goods and ornaments belonging to the Chapel on London Bridge.[3] Dated in the said Chapel, Thursday after the Feast of All Saints [1 Nov.], 24 Edward III. [A.D. 1350].

Fo. cxcvi b. Lease by John "Littel" and James Andreu, Wardens of London Bridge, to Walter de Nettelwelle, butcher, of two shops in the parish of St. Nicholas at the Shambles, situate near the tenement of Nicholas Vigerous, for a term of eighteen years, at an annual rent of £3. Richard de Kyslyngbury, Mayor, John Notte and William de Wircestre, Sheriffs. Witnesses, Simon atte Gate, Robert de Huntingdon, Richard Syward, Adam de Langele, Nicholas de Thame, Edmund de

Script' Walt'i de Nettelwelle per custod' Pont' London'.

Nil quia de Ponte London'

[1] See 'Cal. of Wills,' i. 381.

[2] Particulars of the property are set out in 'Memorials,' pp. 261-2.

[3] For particulars see 'Memorials,' pp. 263-4.

Ware, and many others [not named]. Dated the Feast of the Purification B. M. [2 Feb.], 25 Edward III. [A.D. 1350–1].

Acknowledged before Roger de Depham, Alderman, and Thomas de Waldene, the Chamberlain, Thursday before the Feast of St. Gregory [12 March], 25 Edward III. [A.D. 1350–1].

Thereupon came the aforesaid Wardens and acknowledged they had received from the above Walter de Nettelwelle the sum of 100*s*. as a gift for the repair of the said shops because they were ruinous.

On the Thursday aforesaid Walter de Nettelwelle, executor of Robert de Langele, butcher, acknowledged himself bound to the above Wardens of the Bridge in the sum of 16 marks.

Cancelled because satisfied.

Fo. cxcvii.

Custodia Agn' fil' Walt'i de Stokwelle pictor'.

Wednesday after the Feast of St. Gregory [12 March], 25 Edward III. [A.D. 1350–1], the guardianship of Agnes, daughter of Walter de Stokwelle, painter, aged seven years, committed to Thomas de Bournham, painter, by Richard de Kyslyngbury, the Mayor, Roger de Depham and other Aldermen [not named], and Thomas de Waldene, the Chamberlain. Sureties, viz., John de Lyghtgrave, "goldbetere," and Roger Merry, "peyntour."

Billa missa d'no Regi et consilio per communitatem.

Petition of the Commonalty of the City to the King and his Council, praying that the ordinance made in the Parliament held at York the morrow of the Ascension [25 May], in the ninth year of the King's reign [A.D. 1335], allowing strangers and denizens to traffic freely, contrary to the liberties and customs of the City, which ordinance had been repealed in the Parliament held at Westminster in the eleventh year of his reign,[1] might again be repealed, although recently confirmed in the Parliament now sitting.[2] [No date.]

Billa missa d'no Regi et consilio pro Pannar'.

Petition to the King and his Council by the merchant drapers of the City. Whereas it had been ordained in the last Parliament that all manner of cloth sold after the first day of September next should be of a certain assize[3] under penalty of forfeiture, and the manner of drapers is to make their

[1] *Vide supra*, p. 14.

[2] From 9 Feb. to 1 March, 1351.

[3] The "Statute of Cloths" of 1351. See 'Statutes at Large,' i. 270-1.

purchase of cloth at home and abroad about Michaelmas for the fairs ensuing, and to make liveries for great lords and others of the Commons, and whereas these have not bought any liveries of importance this year the cloth remains on the hands of the drapers unsold. They pray therefore that the King and his Council will order the King's Alnager (*launeour*) or some one else to market all the cloth so left on their hands, so that they may sell the cloth as it is (*pur tieus come ils sont*), either before or after the day prescribed, and what they buy in future shall be of the assize ordained, under penalty aforesaid.

Fo. cxcvii b.

Br'e ne ingrossatores seu regratarios[sic] *fac' caristiam victualium sub colore statuti et quod puniantur per Maiorem et Vic'.*

Writ to the Mayor and Sheriffs that they make diligent search for and punish any victuallers, wholesale or retail, they find enhancing the price of victuals, under cover of a recent statute[1] forbidding the intermeddling of any Mayor, Bailiff, Catchpole, or other municipal officer in the sale of such commodities. Witness the King at Eltham, 22 March, 25 Edward III. [A.D. 1350–1].

Custodia Alicie filie et h'edis Johanne soror' et h'edis Rob'ti Motoun junioris etat' v. annor'.

Friday after the Feast of St. Alphege [19 April], 25 Edward III. [A.D. 1351], the guardianship of Alice, daughter of Johanna the sister of Robert Motoun, junior,[2] aged five years, committed by Richard de Kyslyngbury, the Mayor, Thomas Leggy, Roger de Depham, Aldermen, and Thomas de Waldene, the Chamberlain, to Thomas Rous de Grenstede, together with her property in the parishes of St. Mildred in the Poultry and St. Edmund the King in Lombardstrete. Sureties, viz., Robert de Stratford, cordwainer, and John Nasard.

Fo. cxcviii.

Custodia Joh'is fil' et h'edis Rob'ti de Blithe sadeler.

Tuesday the Feast of St. Petronilla [31 May], 25 Edward III. [A.D. 1351], the guardianship of John, son and heir of Robert de Blithe, "sadeler," committed by Richard de Kyslyngbury, the Mayor, and Thomas de Waldene, the

[1] The "Statute of Cloths" (referred to *supra*, p. 229, note 3), cap. II.

[2] Son of Robert Motun, whose will was proved and enrolled in the Husting in April, 1320. 'Cal. of Wills,' i. 286.

Chamberlain, to Johanna, late wife of William de Blithe, "sadeler." Sureties, viz., Roger de Wenlok, "taillour," and John de Blithe, "sadeler."

Custodia Ric'i fil' Ade Longe.

The following Thursday, the guardianship of Richard, son of Adam Longe and of Katherine his wife, committed by the same to John Longe, fishmonger, the next friend, together with property in the parish of St. Martin in the Vintry. Witnesses, Thomas de Saham, "taillour," and William de Okeham, cordwainer.

Cognicio Walt'i fil' Walt'i de Mourdone de recepcione bonor' ei legat'.

The following Friday came Walter, son of Walter de Mourdone, "stokfishmongere,"[2] before the aforesaid Mayor, Andrew Aubrey and Roger de Depham, Aldermen, and Thomas de Waldene, the Chamberlain, and acknowledged he had received from John Roce and Thomas Child, executors of his father's will, and from Simon de Mourdone, surveyor of the same, the sum of £60 bequeathed to him by his said father as well as his share of the residue of his father's estate.

Fo. cxcviii b.

Writ to the Sheriffs to make proclamation for those merchants who had incurred loss or injury at the hands of Flemings at sea to appear at Bruges in the octave of H. Trinity [12 June] before the Commissioners of the Count of Flanders to receive redress. Witness the King at Westminster, 10 June, 25 Edward III. [A.D. 1351].[3]

Cognicio recepcionis centum marcar' per Ed'm de Ippegrave de exec' test'i Joh'is de Hatfeld.

Saturday after the Feast of Nativity St. John Bapt. [24 June], 25 Edward III. [A.D. 1351], came Edmund de Ippegrave, goldsmith, husband of Matilda, daughter of Robert de Hatfeld, late goldsmith, before Richard de Kyslyngbury, Mayor, Roger de Depham, Alderman, and Thomas de Waldene, the Chamberlain, and acknowledged he had received from Peter de Wendlyngburgh and Thomas de Uptone, draper, executors of John de Hatfeld, late draper and executor of the wills of Robert de

[1] By his will enrolled in the Husting on the previous day ('Cal. of Wills,' i. 652) he appointed his wife guardian of John, Robert, and Johanna, children of his brother Robert.

[2] His will enrolled in the Husting on the previous Monday. 'Cal. of Wills,' i. 653-4.

[3] Rymer, 'Fœdera,' vol. iii. pt. i. p. 220.

Hatfeld and Matilda his wife, the sum of 100 marks in final satisfaction of goods due to the aforesaid Matilda, daughter of the aforesaid Robert de Hatfeld and wife of the aforesaid Edmund.[1]

Fos. cxcix–cci b.

Writ to the Sheriffs enclosing statutes and ordinances made in the last Parliament at Westminster, and bidding them make proclamation for the same to be duly observed. Witness the King at Westminster, 16 March, 25 Edward III. [A.D. 1350–1].

[Here follow (*a*) "The Statute of Labourers,"[2] commencing, *Come nadgairs countre la malice des servauntz*, and ending (fo. cc b), *par my la terre si bien deinz fraunchise come dehors*; and (*b*) "The Statute of Cloths,"[3] commencing, *Item acordez est et assentuz en mesme le Parlement*, and ending, *a toutes les foitz qil busoignera.*]

Fo. cci b.

Br'e pro ccc sagittar' providend'.

Writ to the Mayor and Sheriffs for furnishing the King, who was about to cross the sea, with 300 archers, to be ready by the Feast of St. James, Ap. [25 July]. Witness the King at Westminster, 15 June, 25 Edward III. [A.D. 1351].

Br'e pro monetis auri et argenti.

Writ to the Sheriffs notifying the reminting of debased coins and the minting of new coinage, to be known as a *Gros*,[4] of the value of 4 sterlings, and a half *Gros*, of the value of 2 sterlings, and ordering them to make proclamation to the effect that such coins pass current like the sterling, the half-sterling, and the quarter-sterling, and that in future the exchange of money was a business to be confined to the King and his officers. Given under the Great Seal at the Tower of London, 21 June, 25 Edward III. [A.D. 1351].[5]

Fo. ccii.

Br'e protecc-cionis hominum Holand' et Zeland'.

Writ to the Mayor and Sheriffs notifying that the King had taken the men of "Holand" and "Zeland" under his protection, and ordering that proclamation be made to that effect. Witness the King at Westminster, 17 July, 25 Edward III. [A.D. 1351].

[1] See the will of John de Hatfeld, proved and enrolled in the Husting in March, 1351. 'Cal. of Wills,' i. 645.

[2] Printed in 'The Statutes at Large' (ed. 1758), i. 264-6.

[3] Printed *ibid.*, i. 270-1.

[4] The adoption of this Dutch or Flemish equivalent of the English "groat" indicates that the foreign coin had already been in circulation in England. (See 'New Engl. Dict.,' *s.v.* "Groat.")

[5] Rymer, 'Fœdera,' vol. iii. pt. i. p. 223.

Thursday after the Feast of St. John ante portam Latinam [6 May], 25 Edward III. [A.D. 1351], John de Rothynge, son and executor of Richard de Rothynge, delivered to Isabella, widow of the said Richard, the sum of £40, which the said Richard had bequeathed to Alice his daughter. *Liberacio £xl.*

Writ to the Sheriffs for proclamation to be made of the restoration to the King's favour of John Mautravers, convicted of implication in the death of Edmund, late Earl of Kent.[1] Witness the King at Westminster, 22 July, 25 Edward III. [A.D. 1351]. Fo. ccii b.

Writ to the Sheriffs to make proclamation to the effect that although the King had issued a writ for the seizure of goods belonging to merchants of the Hanse of Almaine found in the City, it was not his intention that any bodily injury should be inflicted on them. Witness the King at Westminster, 7 Aug., 25 Edward III. [A.D. 1351]. *Br'e pro mercatorib' de Hansa Alemann'.*

Writ to the same to make proclamation for the seizure of goods belonging to all merchants of the Hanse of Almaine, except those of Tideman de Lymbergh and Alwin de Reuele, and to deliver them to John de Westone, Richard de Caustone, Richard de Prestone, and Richard de Wycombe, whom the King had appointed to inquire into the amount of property in the hands of citizens belonging to merchants of the aforesaid Hanse. Witness the King at the Tower, 30 July, 25 Edward III. [A.D. 1351]. *Br'e ad arrestand' omnia bona et catalla mercator' de Hansa Alemann'.*

[1] The Earl had been arrested in 1329 by Mortimer for agitating on behalf of his brother the late King, who, he was persuaded to believe, was still alive, and in March of the following year he was tried and executed. This high-handed action on the part of Mortimer opened the eyes of the young King to the danger besetting his throne, and in the following October he seized Mortimer and others of his adherents at Nottingham. Mortimer was soon afterwards hanged. Rymer, 'Fœdera,' vol. ii. pt. ii. p. 799; 'Chron. Edward I. and II.,' vol. ii. p. 100. According to the last-mentioned authority (p. 101) Mautravers was among those seized by the King at Nottingham Castle, but according to others he had already fled to the Continent, fearing the consequences of the part he had taken in compassing the death of the late King whilst under his charge. Walsingham ('Hist. Anglic.,' vol. i. pt. i. pp. 188, 189); Murimuth (Rolls Series), pp. 52, 54.

Fo. cciii.

Br'e de treuga capta int' d'um Regem Angl' et homines de terra maritima Ispann'.

Writ to the Sheriffs for proclamation to be made of a truce having been concluded between England and Spain for a term of twenty years from the 1st August last, and for favour to be shown to all Spanish merchants. Witness the King at Henele, 10 Aug., 25 Edward III. [A.D. 1351].[1]

Script' apprenticietatis Joh'is fil' Joh'is de Totenhale senior'.

Deed of covenant entered into between Thomas Levelyf, executor of John de Totenhale, late fripperer, and John Robynet, fripperer, touching the placing of John, son of the aforesaid John de Totenhale, as apprentice with the said John Robynet for a term of twelve years. Richard de Kyslyngbury, Mayor, John Nott and William de Wyrcestre, Sheriffs. Witnesses, Ralph de Cauntebregge, Richard de Claverynge, Hugh de la March, and others [not named]. Dated 12 July, 25 Edward III. [A.D. 1351].

Sureties for the payment of a sum of £8 12*s.* 9*d.* to the apprentice at the end of his term, viz., Walter le Forester and Richard de Claverynge, skinners, and William Laurence, fishmonger.

Fo. cciii b.

Script apprenticietat' Joh'is fil' Joh'is de Totenhale junior'.

Deed of covenant between the above Thomas Levelyf and Hugh de la Marche, fripperer, touching the placing of John, the younger son of the above John de Totenhale, as apprentice with the said Hugh for a like term. Witnesses, Ralph de Cauntebrugge, Richard de Claverynge, William Credil, and others [not named]. Dated 15 July, 25 Edward III. [A.D. 1351].

Sureties for similar payment, viz., William Lawrence, fishmonger, and Thomas atte Noket, "drapier."

E leccio vic' et communis servient'.

Thursday the Feast of St. Matthew [21 Sept.], 25 Edward III. [A.D. 1351], there were assembled in the Guildhall Richard de Keslyngburi, the Mayor, the Aldermen, and an immense Commonalty to elect Sheriffs for the year ensuing. And the aforesaid Mayor elected Gilbert de Steyndrop, and the Commonalty elected John Wroth. In the same congregation Adam de Acres was elected Common Serjeant of the City.

[1] Cf. writ of even date (but dated from Westminster), and to the same effect as the above, addressed to Henry, Duke of Lancaster, Admiral of the Fleet. Rymer, 'Fœdera,' vol. iii. pt. i. p. 229.

Fo. cciv.

L'ra pro xx mill' marc' concess' d'no Regi sub sigillo co'itatis ex mutuo.

Letters patent under the Common Seal of the City by Richard de Kyslyngbury, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City, notifying the appointment of the said Mayor, and of Simon Fraunceys, Henry Pycard, Roger de Depham, and William Welde, Aldermen, and Thomas Dolsely, Richard de Wycombe, John Wroth, John de Stodeye, Richard de Caustone, James Andreu, William de Iford, John de Horwode, John de Oxenford, Simon de Bedyngtone, and John de Hiltoft, Commoners, to go to the King and signify the City's assent to advance him the sum of 20,000 marks on the security of the customs and subsidies of wool, hides, and woolfells[1] issuing from the Port of London. Dated Thursday after the Feast of St. Mark [25 April], 25 Edward III. [A.D. 1351].

Vacat quia laceratur per R. de Kyslyngbure tunc Maiorem.

Br'e pro xx mill' marc' assedend'.

Writ to the Mayor, Sheriffs, Aldermen, and the Commonalty of the City, notifying the appointment of Simon Dolsely, William de Totenham, John Pecche, John de Gloucestre, John de Westone, spicer, Richard de Caustone, mercer, Richard de Croydone, "pessoner," William de Aras, "draper," Henry atte Strete, "vyneter," John de Cicestre, goldsmith, Walter Forester, "pelter," and John de Drayton, "taillour," as commissioners of assessment for raising the above sum of 20,000 marks. Witness the King at Eltham, 25 May, 25 Edward III. [A.D. 1351].

Fo. cciv b.

Scriptum joh'is Lyghfote, bladar', et Alicie ux'is ejus per Galfr'm Denneye pissonar' et Cecilie ux'is ejus.

sol. ijs. vj*d.*

Lease by Geoffrey Denneye, fishmonger, and Cecilia his wife to John Lighfote, blader, and Alice his wife of a shop in Bredestrete, situate near the property of Thomas de Brusyngham and the Hospital of St. James near Westminster, for a term of ten years. Witnesses, Adam Brabazon, John de Brynchesle, John Botiller, Robert de Ivyngho, William de Dreytone, John Clerk, and others [not named]. Dated Tuesday after the Feast of St. Michael [29 Sept.], 25 Edward III. [A.D. 1351].

[1] The Parliament which had sat from the 9th Feb. to the 1st March had granted a subsidy on wool for two years. 'Rot. Parl.,' ii. 229.

Scriptum Rob'ti de Thame civis et merceri London' per Thom' Piperecivis[sic] *et locular' London' et Joh'am ux'm ejus.*

sol. ijs. vj*d.*

Grant by Thomas Pipere, pouchmaker (*locular'*), and Johanna his wife, late wife of Philip de Shrouesbury, to Robert de Thame, mercer, of his wife's interest in certain tenements formerly held by the said Philip under John de Draytone in Lombardestrete in the parish of St. Edmund. Witnesses, William de Tudenham, Nicholas de Bedyngtone, William Dyk, William Spark, William Credil, clerk, and others [not named]. Dated Saturday after the Feast of St. Matthew [21 Sept.], 25 Edward III. [A.D. 1351].

Proteccio de mercatorib' de Hansa Alemann' excepto Hildebrand Suderman.

Writ to the Sheriffs to make proclamation that the King had taken under his protection the merchants of the Hanse of Almaine then within the realm, with the exception of Hildebrand Suderman, until Christmas next, in order that they might have an opportunity of going to Flanders and consulting with their fellow-merchants of the said Hanse in that country, who had been charged with procuring the death of Robert Curteys, a merchant of Bristol, at Lescluse. Witness the King at Westminster, 28 Sept., 25 Edward III. [A.D. 1351].[1]

Fo. ccv.

Custodia Thome fil' Joh'is Andreu furbour etatis quatuor annor'

Friday before the Feast of St. Dionisius [9 Oct.], 25 Edward III. [A.D. 1351], the guardianship of Thomas, son of John Andreu, "furbour," aged four years, committed by Richard de Kyslyngbury, the Mayor, Roger de Depham, Alderman, and Thomas Waldene, the Chamberlain, to Henry Horn and John Horn, apprentices of Jordan Horn, late fishmonger. Sureties, viz., John Wroth and Ralph Double, fishmonger.[2]

Br'e tangens xx mill' marc'.

Writ to the Mayor, Aldermen, Sheriffs, and Commonalty that they cause all proceedings against John de Westone and Richard de Wycombe for their action in levying the sum of 20,000 marks recently granted to the King, under pretext that

[1] Rymer, 'Fœdera,' vol. iii. pt. i. p. 232. From a letter written by Richard de Kyslingbury, the Mayor, the Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City to the Burgomasters, &c., of Bruges, we learn that Suderman or "Southerman" and other merchants of Almaine had brought an action against Curteys for robbery at Lescluse, at a time when it was proved that he was at Bristol, and had put him to death in a horrible manner (*fut mys a horible mort*). See 'Cal. of Letters from the Mayor, &c., A.D. 1350-1370' (printed by order of the Corporation, 1885), pp. 19-20.

[2] Cf. *infra*, fo. ccx.

such grant had been made without the consent of the Commonalty, to be stayed until the whole matter shall have been heard and determined by the King and his Council. Witness the King at Westminster, 12 Oct., 25 Edward III. [A.D. 1351].

L'ra tangens xx mill' marc' sub privato sigillo.

Letter of Privy Seal to the same, notifying the issue of the above writ, and calling upon them to see that its contents are carried out. Dated at the Tower, 11 Oct., 25 Edward III. [A.D. 1351].

Fo. ccv b.

Acquietancia Rob'ti Southerne de Kyldesby per Joh'em Ferthynge de Sullestone etc.

A general release by John Ferthynge de Sullestone, appointed administrator of the goods of Henry de Caustone, late mercer, by Simon de Worstede, Alderman, and Thomas de Waldene, the Chamberlain, to Robert Southerne de Kyldesby. Dated 24 Oct., 25 Edward III. [A.D. 1351].

Br'e de treug' capt' int' Regem Angl' et adversarios nostros Franc'.

Writ to the Sheriffs for proclamation to be made of a truce having been concluded with France for one year from 11 September last. Witness the King at Westminster, 26 Oct., 25 Edward III. [A.D. 1351].[1]

Temp. Andrew Aubrey, Mayor.

Fo. ccvi.

Monday before the Feast of St. Martin [11 Nov.], 25 Edward III. [A.D. 1351], the following bill was sent to the two men named below of each mistery, viz. :—

Assemble the good men of the said mistery, and cause them to elect by common assent four good men of the said mistery, the wisest and most able to treat with the Mayor, Aldermen, and Sheriffs of certain important business touching the state of the said City. And neglect not this on the fealty you owe to our lord the King. And have the names and the persons of those so elected at the Guildhall on Thursday, the eve of St. Martin.

Drapers: William Welde, John de Bures.

"*Spicers*": Andrew Aubrey, ...

Mercers: Simon Fraunceys, Richard Lacer.

[1] Printed by Rymer ('Fœdera,' vol. iii. pt. i. p. 233), but the date is there given, strange to say, as the 1st October.

"*Pessoners*[1]": John Lovekyn, John de Gloucestre, John Wroth [*sic*].

Goldsmiths: Gilbert de Steyndrope, John de Hiltofte.

"*Laners*[2]": Thomas Perle, Nicholas Hotot.

"*Vineters*": John de Stodeye, Henry Vannere.

"*Pelters*": Thomas Leggy, John Bole.

"*Celers*[3]": Thomas Frithebek, John de Blithe.

"*Taillours*": Robert de Gildeford, William de Derby.

"*Cordewaners*": William de Bristowe, Henry de Asshebourne.

"*Ismongers*": John Deynes, Richard de Evre.

"*Bochiers*[4]": Robert de Huntyngdone, John Vannere.

Names of those elected from the aforesaid misteries to attend at the Guildhall on the business touching the City when summoned on behalf of the Mayor, Sheriffs, and Aldermen,[5] viz.:

Drapers: Simon de Bedyngtone, John de Kelyngworthe, Stephen Cavendisshe, William de Holbeche.

"*Grossers*": John de Gonewardby, William Hanampstede, Nicholas Chaucer, William de Wandlesworth, Bartholomew Frestelyng,[6] John de Ofham.

Mercers: Richard de Notyngham, Walter de Berneye, John de Henele, Robert de Strode, William de Essex, Thomas Cornerthe.

"*Pessoners*": John de Cauntebrugge, John de Refham, William Turk, John Monkoy, Robert Fourneux, Simon de Mourdone.

[1] Fishmongers.

[2] Woolmen or woolmongers.

[3] Saddlers.

[4] Butchers.

[5] In 1347 the men summoned for a similar purpose were elected from the *Wards*, and represented, it is believed, the first elected Common Council of the City. (*Vide supra*, p. 162.) On this occasion they were to be elected from the *Misteries*. This appears to be the only occasion when the Common Council was elected from the Misteries instead of from the Wards before 1376, when an ordinance was passed to the effect that the Council should be so elected (Letter-Book H, fo. xlvi b). The Council continued to be elected from the Misteries until 1383, when the right of election was restored to the Wards (Letter-Book H, fo. clxxiii).

[6] Name struck out on account of his being an Alderman.

Goldsmiths: John de Hiltoft, James de Thame, William de Burtone, John de Gravelee.

"*Laners*": Nicholas Hotot, Nicholas de Wandlesworth, James Andreu, Thomas de Brandone.

"*Vineters*": John de Stodeye,[1] John Osekyn, John de Rothynge, John de Wendovre.

"*Pelleters*": John Bole, John de Oxon', Richard de Carletone, Walter Forester.

"*Celers*": Thomas de Frithebek, John de Blithe, Robert de Herlawe, William Baldewyne.

"*Taillours*": Giles de Westmelle, John de Tarente, William de Derby, Robert de Gildeford.

"*Cordewaners*": Robert de Stratford, William de Bristouwe, John de Crepelgate, Richard de Carletone.

"*Ismongers*": Henry de Ware, William Fromond.

"*Bochiers*": Robert de Huntyngdone, Richard Syward, John Lemman, John Vannere.

Fo. ccvi b.

Scriptum Will'i Credil per Will'm Spencer piscenar' et Margar' ux'em ejus.

Lease by William Spencer, fishmonger, and Margaret his wife to William Credil of a tenement called "le Brodegate," with houses built thereon held by John Walkerne, in the parish of St. Michael on Cornhulle; to hold the same for a term of four years from Michaelmas, 25 Edward III. [A.D. 1351]. Witnesses, Ralph de Cauntebrugge, John de Oxenford, Richard de Claverynge, Walter Forester, Thomas Levelife, William Laurence, Ralph le Chaundeler, John Walkerne, and others [not named].

sol. ij*s.* vj*d.*

Acknowledged on Monday after the Feast of St. Edmund the King [20 Nov.], 25 Edward III. [A.D. 1351], before Roger de Depham, Alderman, and Thomas de Waldene, the Chamberlain.

Br'e pro Burgens' Oxon'.

Writ of certiorari to the Mayor, Sheriffs, and other good men of the City touching their right to assize of bread and ale, and to take the issues and profits thereof in aid of discharging the City's ferm, inasmuch as the burgesses of Oxford had claimed the same right before the Barons of the Exchequer, on the ground that they enjoyed the same franchises, customs,

[1] Name struck out on account of his being an Alderman.

&c., as the City of London.[1] Witness G[ervase] de Wylford[2] at Westminster, 5 Nov., 25 Edward III. [A.D. 1351].[3]

Fo. ccvii.

Br'e pro Hildebrando Suderman et aliis mercatorib' ac Hansa Alemann'.

Writ to the Sheriffs notifying that the King had taken under his protection Hildebrand Suderman, who had been charged with procuring the death of Richard Curteys, a Bristol merchant, at Lescluse, and of insulting the English nation, and commanding proclamation to be made against inflicting any injury upon the said Hildebrand or other merchants of the Hanse of Almaine. Witness the King at Westminster, 15 Nov., 25 Edward III. [A.D. 1351].

Br'e ad eligend' duos cives civitatis ad Parliamentum.

Writ to the Sheriffs for the election of two citizens to attend a Parliament to be held at Westminster on Friday the Feast of St. Hillary [13 Jan.] next,[4] subject to the same limitation as in the last writ. Witness the King at Westminster, 15 Nov., 25 Edward III. [A.D. 1351].

Afterwards, viz., on Monday before the Feast of St. Thomas, Ap. [21 Dec.], 25 Edward III. [A.D. 1351], Simon Fraunceys and Simon de Bedingtone were elected to attend the Parliament.

Fo. ccvii b.

Br'e quod omnes illi qui victualia habent et ea vendi voluerint ea ad civitatem secure deferant.

Writ [to the Sheriffs ?] to make proclamation to the effect that victuallers may freely come and sell their wares at Westminster at the sitting of the coming Parliament, and that neither the King's purveyors nor others shall force them to sell except at a price agreed upon.[5] Witness the King at Westminster, 28 Nov., 25 Edward III. [A.D. 1351].

The above writ remains in the possession of Gilbert de Steyndrope, Sheriff.

[1] By charter dated Westminster, 16 Feb., 13 Henry III. [A.D. 1228-9]. See 'Liber Cust.,' ii. 671-3.

[2] Chief Baron of the Exchequer.

[3] A marginal note states that no return was made to the writ.

[4] Sat from 13 Jan. to 11 Feb., 1352. A proposal was made, in order to save time and trouble, that the Commons should delegate twenty-four or thirty members to confer with the King and Council on public business, but the Commons refused, and appeared in full force. Stubbs, 'Const. Hist.,' ii. 408.

[5] By the Statute of Purveyors, passed in the next Parliament, it was enacted that things taken for the King's House should be appraised at their true value, and tallies made between the Purveyor and the owner of the goods. 'Statutes at Large,' i. 273.

Br'e quod omnes capitanei et ductores bannitor' a partib' Flandr' non morentur infra regnum Angl'.

Writ [to the Sheriffs] to make proclamation to the effect that a recent order given by the King for the seizure of the leaders of those Flemings in England who had been banished from their country and had attempted to capture the town of Gravelynge[1] was not to apply to other Flemings residing in England who took no part in the attack upon the town. Witness the King at Westminster, 28 Nov., 25 Edward III. [A.D. 1351].

Br'e quod blada aliqua non transeant ex^a portum civitatis ad partes exteras.

Writ to the Sheriffs to make proclamation forbidding the exportation of corn from the City without special permission. Witness the King at Westminster, 4 Dec., 25 Edward III. [A.D. 1351].

The above Writ remains in the possession of John Wroth, Sheriff.

Fo. ccviii.

Wednesday before the Feast of St. Hillary [13 Jan.], 25 Edward III. [A.D. 1351–2], proclamation made forbidding the wearing of furs, silk-linings, &c., by women of bad character in the City.[2]

Alia proclamacio facta eodem die.

Another proclamation prescribing the places for exposing for sale divers kinds of fish.[3]

Custodia Agn' filie Steph'i atte Holte.

Friday after the Feast of St. Lucia [13 Dec.], 25 Edward III. [A.D. 1351], the guardianship of Agnes, daughter of Stephen atte Holte, aged seven years, committed to John de Berholte, carpenter, by Andrew Aubrey, the Mayor, Roger de Depham, Alderman, and Thomas de Waldene, the Chamberlain, together with the sum of money and a tenement bequeathed to her by her father.[4] Sureties, viz., John Litle, fishmonger, and William de Cokham, cordwainer.

Exoneracio manucapcionis predicte Agn'.

Afterwards, viz., on Monday before the Feast of St. Thomas, Ap. [21 Dec.], 31 Edward III. [A.D. 1357], came the above John de Berholte before John de Stodeye, the Mayor, Roger de Depham and William Welde, Aldermen, and Thomas de Waldene, the Chamberlain, and prayed that he and his sureties

[1] Gravelines. The writ printed by Delpit, *op. cit.*, p. 76.

[2] 'Memorials,' p. 267.

[3] *Ibid.*, pp. 267-8.

[4] See 'Cal. of Wills, Court of Husting,' i. 537-8.

might be discharged, inasmuch as he had married the above Agnes. His petition granted.

Fo. ccviii b.

Proclamacio quod nullus portat arma.

Proclamation restricting the carrying of arms and forbidding horse-play in the City of London and Palace of Westminster during the session of the coming Parliament.[1]

Br'e pro Burgens' Oxon' etc.

Writ *alias*[2] to the Mayor, Sheriffs, and other good folk of the City touching the claim put forward before the Barons of the Exchequer by the burgesses of Oxford to enjoy the assize of bread and ale and other franchises enjoyed by the citizens of London. Witness G[ervase] de Wylford at Westminster, 18 Jan., 25 Edward III. [A.D. 1351–2].

Return'.

Return: The Mayor, Aldermen, and Sheriffs of London have the assize of bread and ale in the City aforesaid, and have had it from time immemorial to the use of the aforesaid City.

Br'e quod blada aliqua non transeant ex^a portum civitatis ad partes exteras.

Writ to the Sheriffs to make proclamation against the exportation of corn from London. Witness the King at Westminster, 22 Jan., 25 Edward III. [A.D. 1351–2].

The above writ remains in the possession of Gilbert de Steyndrope, Sheriff.

Fo. ccix.

L'ra patens factad' no Ric'o Dammory.

Letters patent under the seal of the Mayoralty testifying that Thomas de Horwold, pepperer, had appeared before Andrew Aubrey, the Mayor, and had acknowledged that Richard Dammory had satisfied a debt of £200 under a statute merchant by the hand of "Otes" de Houlond, his attorney. Dated 4 Feb., 26 Edward III. [A.D. 1351–2].

Br'e pro burgens' Oxon'.

Writ *alias* to the Mayor, Sheriffs, and other good folk of the City to make a further return before the Barons of the Exchequer as to the City franchise of assize of bread and ale, inasmuch as the burgesses of Oxford claimed the same franchises as those enjoyed by the City. Witness G[ervase] de Wylford at Westminster, 1 Feb., 26 Edward III. [A.D. 1351–2].

Fo. ccix b.

Petition to the King from the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City, praying the re-establishment of the clause in the charter[3] (granted with the assent of Parliament) declaring that the City's franchise was in nowise to be disturbed by the

[1] 'Memorials,' pp. 268-9.

[2] *Vide supra*, p. 239.

[3] Dated 26 March, 11 Edward III. [A.D. 1337].

ordinance made in the Parliament at York, anno 9 Edward III., to the effect that foreigners might freely trade, which ordinance had recently been re-enacted by the last Parliament, contrary to the liberties of the City. [No date.]

Custodia Nich'i fil Thom' Gentil.

Monday after the Feast of the Purification [2 Feb.], 26 Edward III. [A.D. 1351–2], the guardianship of Nicholas, son of Thomas Gentil, aged four years, committed to William de Chestre, fripperer, by Andrew Aubrey, the Mayor, the Aldermen, and Thomas de Waldene, the Chamberlain, together with the sum of £10 bequeathed to the said Nicholas by his father. Sureties, viz., Robert "de Herthethe" and Ralph de Cauntebregge.

Afterwards, viz., on the 15th Oct., 41 Edward III. [A.D. 1367], the aforesaid Robert "Erethe" and the executor of Ralph de Cauntebregge paid the aforesaid Nicholas the aforesaid sum of £10, and they are quit.

Be it remembered that Katherine, daughter of Alan Prat, received from Cristina Cambyn the sum of 40*s*. by bequest of the said Alan on Saturday after the Feast of St. Scolastica [10 Feb.], 26 Edward III. [A.D. 1351–2].

Fo. ccx.

Saturday before the Feast of St. Valentine [14 Feb.], 26 Edward III. [A.D. 1351–2], the sum of 42 florins, called "Nobles," worth £14, received from William de Leycestre, "forbour," executor of Alice, late wife of John Andreu, mother of Thomas, son of John Andreu, was delivered to Henry Horn, fishmonger, the guardian of the said Thomas,[1] in the presence of Andrew Aubrey, the Mayor, Roger de Depham, Alderman, and John Wrothe, one of the Sheriffs; to be held in trust for the said Thomas. Sureties, viz., John Horn, Hugh Horn, John de Yakesle, fishmongers, and Thomas de Same, "taillour."

Letters patent appointing William de Wyrcestre, Richard de Mallynge, Nicholas Ponge, and John Bole, Commissioners for receiving in the City the fifteenth and tenth granted to the King for three years by the Parliament meeting at Westminster on Friday the Feast of St. Hillary [13 Jan.] last,[2] as also the

[1] Cf. *supra*, p. 236.

[2] *Vide supra*, p. 240. Cf. 'Rot. Parl.,' ii. 238.

fines, &c., arising from breach of the Statute of Labourers, and granted by the King in aid of the Commons, with full powers of distress and imprisonment over recalcitrants. Witness the King at Westminster, 25 Feb., 26 Edward III. [A.D. 1351–2].

Fo. ccx b. Petition of the Commons for the appointment of the above Commission.

Fo. ccxi. Writ to the Sheriffs that they render every assistance to the above Commissioners. Witness the King at Westminster, 25 Feb., 25 [26?] Edward III. [A.D. 1351–2].

Fos. ccxi b–ccxiii. Statute made by the Parliament at Westminster which met on the Feast of St. Hillary [13 Jan.], 25 Edward III. [A.D. 1351-1352], commencing *A Parlement somonz a Westm' en la feste de Seint Hiller* and ending *ne soit par tant grevez nempechez etc.*[1]

Br've ad legend' dictum statutum in pleno Hustengo. Writ to the Sheriffs for the above statute to be read in the Husting of London and for its due observance. Witness the King at Westminster, 6 March, 26 Edward III. [A.D. 1351–2].

Fo. ccxiii. *Br've ne quis m'cator aut alius indigena vel alienigena non educant blada aliqua ex' portum civitatis exceptis etc.* Writ to the Sheriffs to make proclamation forbidding any one to export corn from the City without special licence, except Ralph, Earl of Stafford, Bernard Ezii, Lord of Lebret,[2] and John Charnels,[3] who had already obtained permission to export corn to Gascony for the King's lieges. Witness the King at Westminster, 10 April, 26 Edward III. [A.D. 1352].

Fo. ccxiii b. *Indentura int' Thom' de Glouc' cirotecarium et custodes Pontis Lond'.* Grant by John Litle and James Andreu, Wardens of London Bridge, to Thomas de Gloucestre, glover, of a shop on the Bridge situate between the shops of Thomas Ledrede and John de Mucham; to hold the same for life at an annual rent of 36*s.* 8*d.* Witnesses, John Mucham, Robert Goldeburgh, Thomas

[1] Printed in 'Statutes of the Realm,' i. 319-24. Styled 'A Statute of Purveyors' in 'Statutes at Large,' i. 273.

[2] Title derived from Albret, Lebret, or Labrit, a small town in the Landes of Gascony. In March, 1351, the King had granted him an annual rent of £1,000, charged on the customs of the Port of London, in recognition of his services. Rymer, 'Fœdera,' vol. iii. pt. i. p. 213.

[3] The King's Constable of Bordeaux. *Vide supra*, p. 224.

Paterlinge, Thomas Ledrede, William Scot, and others [not named]. Dated Monday after the Feast of St. Luke [18 Oct.], 25 Edward III. [A.D. 1351]. *Nil quia pro comodo l'ont'.*

Acknowledged by the above Wardens before Andrew Aubrey, the Mayor, Richard Lacer, Roger de Depham, William de Caustone, and Adam Brabazon, Aldermen, and John Wrothe and Gilbert de Steyndrope, Sheriffs, on Wednesday before the Feast of St. Alphege [19 April], 26 Edward III. [A.D. 1352].

Lease by Richard de Waletone, co. Surrey, and Margery his wife, daughter of John de Colewelle, late mercer, to William de Bristouwe, cordwainer, of a tenement in the parish of St. Mary de Aldermannebury, situate near the tenements of Richard and John Lacer, for a term of twenty-four years, he paying yearly to the Prior and Convent of Cricherche[1] the sum of 3*s.* 4*d.*, and to the Hospital of St. Katherine near the Tower 10*s.* Witnesses, Richard Lacer, Thomas de Lyncolne, John de Shirbourne, Henry Prat, Henry Turneye, and others [not named]. Dated 21 March, 26 Edward III. [A.D. 1351–2]. *Scriptum Will'i de Bristouwe ailutar' per Ric'm de Waletone de com' Surr' et Margeriam ux'em ejus.* *sol.* ij*s.* vj*d.*

At a congregation of the Mayor and Aldermen on the morrow of the Ascension [26 May], 26 Edward III. [A.D. 1352], there being present Andrew Aubrey, the Mayor, Simon Fraunceys, John Lovekyn, Thomas Leggy, Roger de Depham, John de Gloucestre, Adam de Bury, William de Todenham, Simon de Worstede, and William de Welde, Aldermen, and John Wrothe and Gilbert de Steyndrope, Sheriffs, it was agreed and decreed by the said Mayor and Aldermen that each time that a brewer or brewster sells ale by false measure, the measure shall be burnt and the seller of the ale go to prison and be amerced 2*s.* for the use of the Commonalty. Fo. ccxiv.

Also that a taverner who sells wine, red or white, or Rhenish wine by false measure, his measure shall be burnt and the seller go to prison and be amerced 40*d.* for the use of the Commonalty.

Also that a taverner who sells wine of Vernaccia (*vyn*

[1] Holy Trinity or Christchurch, Aldgate.

Vernache[1]), wine of Crete or of the river (*de la Rivere*[2]), or other kind of sweet wine by false measure, his measure shall be burnt and the seller go to prison and be amerced half a mark for the use of the Commonalty.

Also that no taverner shall hang a cloth[3] before the door of the cellar where the wines are stored, so that the purchasers may see whence the wine is drawn, that is to say, that one of each company may see that the vessel into which the wine is drawn be clean and from what cask his wine be drawn,[4] on pain of imprisonment and payment to the Commonalty for the first occasion half a mark, for the second 1 mark, for the third 20*s*., and each succeeding time the penalty to be increased by half a mark.

Also that measures be standing upright (*soient esteantz*) and sealed with the seal of the Alderman of the Ward, and that he who shall sell by other measures shall go to prison, and afterwards be amerced half a mark for the use of the Commonalty.

Fo. ccxiv b.

Custodia Joh'is fil' Barth'i Baudry.

Thursday after the Feast of St. John Bapt. [24 June], 26 Edward III. [A.D. 1352], the guardianship of John, son of Bartholomew Baudry, aged ten years, committed by Roger de Depham, Alderman, and Thomas de Waldene, the Chamberlain, to Robert Neweman de Edelmetone, together with tenements formerly belonging to the said Bartholomew his father and John Baudry his uncle.[5] Sureties, viz., Thomas Wilcher, John de Yerdele, John Fisshs, "pursere," and John de Wrechesbury.

Custodia Sampsonis fil' Thome Gentil.

The same day the guardianship of Sampson, son of Thomas Gentil, aged seven years, committed by Andrew Aubrey, the Mayor, Roger de Depham, Alderman, and Thomas de Waldene, the Chamberlain, to Simon Gentil, "hostiller." Sureties, viz., Benedict de Fulsham and John Flaom, "grosser."

[1] A red Tuscan wine. See Glossary, 'Liber Albus,' *s.v.* 'Vernage.'

[2] "Probably a sweet wine, and not wine of the Garonne or the Rhine" (Riley).

[3] By way of circumventing previous orders to keep tavern doors open.

[4] Cf. *supra*, pp. 77, 78, and 'Memorials,' p. 255.

[5] The will of this John Baudry, where he is described as a "tannere in la More," was proved and enrolled in the Husting in Jan., 1351. 'Cal. of Wills,' i. 641.

Writ to the Mayor, Sheriffs, and Aldermen of the City for a general array of the City and suburbs against an invasion contemplated by the King of France. Witness the King at Westminster, 1 June, 26 Edward III. [A.D. 1352].

Br'e ad arraiand' civitatem et suburb'.

Wednesday after the Feast of the Translation of St. Thomas the Martyr [7 July], 26 Edward III. [A.D. 1352], Ralph de Lenne elected Alderman of the Ward of Billyngesgate, and sworn, &c.

Eleccio Alderm'.

The same day, Bartholomew de Frestelynge elected Alderman of the Ward of Douegate, and sworn, &c.

Fo. ccxv.

Letters patent under the seal of the Mayoralty from Andrew Aubrey, the Mayor, to the Dean and Chapter of the church of St. Paul, presenting Sir William Mason, priest, to the chantry founded in the said church by testament of Sir John de Pulteneye, Knt.[1] Dated Thursday after the Feast of SS. Peter and Paul [29 June], 26 Edward III. [A.D. 1352].[2]

Presentacio Cantarie in eccl'ia Sc'i Pauli Lond' pro ai'a Joh'is de Pulteneye.

Wednesday after the Feast of the Translation of St. Thomas the Martyr [7 July], 26 Edward III. [A.D. 1352], precept sent to each of the Aldermen to put his Ward in array.

Quedam billa missa cuil' Alderm'.

Writ to the Mayor and Sheriffs for the election of two citizens to attend a Council (*colloquium et tractatum*) to be held at Westminster on the morrow of the Assumption B. M. [15 Aug].[3] Witness the King at Westminster, 20 July, 26 Edward III. [A.D. 1352].

Br'e adeligend' duos cives ad cons' d'ni R'.

And be it known that the above writ remains in the possession of Gilbert de Steyndrope, the Sheriff.

Afterwards, viz., on Monday after the Feast of St. Peter ad Vincula [1 Aug.], 26 Edward III. [A.D. 1352], Adam Fraunceys, Alderman, and John Litle, commoner, elected to attend the Council of the lord the King.

[1] See 'Cal. of Wills, Court of Husting,' i. 609.

[2] 'Memorials,' p. 269.

[3] This Council or Parliament sat from the 16th to the 25th August. The form of this writ shows that whatever diminution there may have been in the number of town representatives summoned on this occasion, the City of London returned the same number as before. See Stubbs, 'Const. Hist.,' ii. 408.

Eleccio Alderm'.

Saturday after the Feast of St. James [25 July], 26 Edward III. [A.D. 1352], Adam Fraunceys elected Alderman of the Ward of Queenhithe, and sworn, &c.

The same day, John de Stodeye elected Alderman of Vintry, and sworn, &c.

Fo. ccxv b.

Proclamacio facta pro mercatorib' de Hansa de Alemann' etc.

Writ to the Sheriffs to make proclamation to the effect that, notwithstanding a recent order of the King for the arrest of merchants of the Hanse of Almaine and their goods,[1] the said merchants were to be allowed free intercourse with England, with the exception of Hildebrand Suderman.[2] Witness the King at Wyndesore, 20 Aug, 26 Edward III. [A.D. 1352].

Be it known that the above writ remains in the possession of Gilbert de Steyndrope, the Sheriff.

Scriptum Thome atte Park carpenter per Maiorem Ald' et cives Lond' de una placea juxta le Tourhull

nichil quia pro commodo communitatis.

Indenture of lease by Andrew Aubrey, the Mayor, the Aldermen, and the rest of the citizens, to Thomas atte Park, carpenter, of a certain garden at "le Tourhill," situate near the gardens of William de Bryklesworth and the Crutched Friars, and the enclosures (*bercellas*[3]) of the latter community; to hold the same for a term of fifty years at an annual rent of 10*s*. Dated Thursday after the Feast of the Decollation of St. John Bapt. [29 Aug.], 26 Edward III. [A.D. 1352].

Fo. ccxvi.

Custoaia Alicie fil' Nigelli de Hakeney.

Thursday before the Feast of Exaltation of Holy Cross [14 Sept.], 26 Edward III. [A.D. 1352], the guardianship of Alice, daughter of Nigel de Hakeneye, aged four years, committed by Andrew Aubrey, the Mayor, Richard Lacer, John Lovekyn, Roger de Depham, Henry Pycard, Simon Dolsely, John Pecche, and John de "Stoday," Aldermen, to Sir Thomas Moraunt, Knt., of co. Kent, uncle and next friend of the said Alice. Sureties, viz., John de Stoday, vintner and Alderman, John de Gonwardby, grocer, Geoffrey Beauflour, and Robert atte More, vintners.

[1] *Supra*, p. 233.

[2] Cf. *supra*, p. 240.

[3] *Bersa* = a fence enclosing a plot of land or park. Possibly the enclosures may refer to "a large open place.....having Pallisado Pales" in the vicinity of the Crutched Friars, mentioned in Strype's Stow ('Survey,' bk. ii. p. 82).

Grant by Nicholas "Bulietti," of Florence, and Elizabeth his wife, to Henry Picard, vintner, of an annual rent of 20 marks charged on their tenements in the parish of St. Stephen de Walbroke for a term of eight years. Witnesses, John de Stoday, William Nichole, Henry Palmere, John Chauucer, John de Wendovre, and others [not named]. Dated Friday the Feast of Exaltation of Holy Cross [14 Sept.], 26 Edward III. [A.D. 1352].

Scriptum Henr' Pycard Alderm' per Nich'm "Bolietti" et ux'em ejus.

And he pays nothing for the fee, because an Alderman.

Monday after the Feast of St. Matthew [21 Sept.], 26 Edward III. [A.D. 1352], John Payn, an Englishman, and Henry Worre, a Fleming, elected bailiffs of the Weavers, and sworn before Andrew Aubrey, the Mayor, and the Aldermen.

Fo. ccxvi b.

Ball' Telar' jur'.

Friday before the Feast of St. Edward the King [13 Oct.], 26 Edward III. [A.D. 1352], the guardianship of Robert, son of Thomas Gentyl de Nortone, aged seven years, committed by Andrew Aubrey, the Mayor, Roger de Depham, Alderman, and Thomas de Waldene, the Chamberlain, to Simon Gentyl, "hosteler." Sureties, viz., Richard atte Boure and John Beneyt, weavers.

Custodia Rob'ti fil' Thome Gentyl.

Delivery of "Infangethef" made before Henry Darci, the Mayor, the Aldermen, and Walter Neal and Nicholas Crane, the Sheriffs, Monday before the Feast of St. Michael [29 Sept.], 12 Edward III. [A.D. *1338*].[1]

Fo. ccxvii.

Richard de Lambertone of Lostwithiel and Richard Morchard de Langeford taken, at the suit of John, servant of Master Henry de Aultone, with the mainour (*cum manuopere*) of divers pieces of broken silver, a book, a towel, two sheets, and other goods and chattels to the value of 20*s*. in all, belonging to the said Master Henry and in the custody of the said John, and feloniously removed from his said custody in the Ward of Castle Baynard, on Friday after the Feast of St. Matthew, Ap. [21 Sept.], 12 Edward III. [A.D. 1338], whereof he appeals them (*unde eos appellat*). And he finds pledges for the prosecution of the said

[1] Continued from Letter-Book E, fo. ccxli b.

felons, viz., William de Holebourne, "taillour," and Roger Costantyn de Holebourne. And the aforesaid Richard and Richard, being asked in what way they would acquit themselves of the felony, say that they are in nowise guilty, and for good and evil put themselves on the country. And a jury comes by Elyas de Wodebere, Hugh le Taillour, Hugh le Chaundeler, John de Charrynge, William Sauvage, Robert le Taillour, John Hod, Richard le Taillour, John de Wynton', John de Riptone, John de Godestowe, and John le Taillour, who say on their oath that the aforesaid Richard and Richard are guilty of the aforesaid felony. Therefore [let them be] hanged.[1] Chattels none.

Delivery of Infangethef made before Henry Darci, the Mayor, John de Grantham, Roger de Depham, Andrew Aubrey, William de Caustone, John Hamond, Simon Fraunceys, Ralph de Uptone, Roger de Forsham, Walter Neel, Richard Costantyn, Richard de Hakeneye, John de Oxon', Richard de Berkynge, and Richard le Lacer, Aldermen, William de Pontefract and Hugh le Marbrer, Sheriffs, Tuesday after the Feast of St. Alphege [*19 April*], *13 Edward III.* [A.D. *1339*].

Thomas de Rokeby, called "le Clerk," of co. Warwick, and Margaret la Brewestere, taken at the suit of John Maudeleyne, servant of John de Hyntone, with the mainour of a silver cup of the value of 6*s.*, feloniously removed from the custody of the said servant at the corner of Bredstrete on Sunday before the Feast of St. Alphege, and thereof he appeals them. Pledges for the prosecution, viz., Simon Hervy, "cook," and Richard de Brisyngham. The said Thomas and Margaret say they are not guilty, and put themselves on the country. The country (*patria*) comes by Thomas de Lincoln, William de Salesbery, Thomas de Clay, John de Lincoln, Thomas de Oxon', Gilbert de Sarum, Walter de Alegate, Stephen de Parys, Hervy le Keu, John de Estchepe, Walter le Cook, and John de Walpol, who say on their oath that the said Thomas and Margaret

[1] Henry I. adjudged that all thieves, that is to say all thieves taken with the mainour, or "hand habende" thieves, should be hanged. 'Flor. Wig.,' ii. 57.

are not guilty. Therefore let them go quit thereof, and let the aforesaid cup remain to the Commonalty and be delivered to William de Pontefract, the Sheriff, to answer therefor according to the will of the Mayor and Commonalty aforesaid, &c.

Delivery of Infangethef made before Henry Darci, the Mayor, John de Grantham, Roger de Depham, John de Oxon', William de Caustone, John Hamond, Richard Costantyn, Richard de Hakeneye, Richard de Rothynge, Andrew Aubrey, Ralph de Uptone, and Richard de Berkynge, Aldermen, and the Sheriffs aforesaid, Saturday after the Feast of the Assumption B. M. [*15 Aug.*], *13 Edward III.* [A.D. *1339*].

Walter, son of John Barry, taken at the suit of Roger de Barkeworth, "taillour," with the mainour of a tunic of "appeblome" and a tunic of "blanket" of the value of a mark, feloniously taken out of the house of the said Roger in the Ward of Bredstrete, on the night of Thursday after the Assumption, whereof he appeals him. Pledges for prosecution of the felony, viz., Gilbert le Palmere and John Janyn, "keu."[1] The said Walter says he is not guilty, and puts himself upon the country. The country comes by William le Botiller, Walter de Merseye, John Crokhorne, William le Dieghere William Wytman, William Alisaundre, Peter le Barber, John le Chaundeler, John de Newentone, Richard de Kelshulle, Walter Cady, and Henry le Brewer, who say on oath that the said Walter is guilty. Therefore [let him be] hanged. Chattels none.[2]

Delivery of Infangethef made before Andrew Aubry, the Mayor, Roger de Depham, Richard Lacer, John Hamond, John de Mockynge, Richard de Hakeneye, John de Refham [*Aldermen*], *Roger de Forsham and William de Thorneye, the Sheriffs, Tuesday after the Feast of SS. Peter and Paul* [*29 June*], *14 Edward III.* [A.D. *1340*]. Fo. ccxvii b.

Adam de Notyngham, taken at the suit of Thomas de Brugeford, valet of John Makenheved, goldsmith, with the

[1] Cook.

[2] 'Memorials,' p. 206.

mainour of a silver cup of the value of 8*s*., called "Tour de Verre,"[1] belonging to the said John, and in the custody of his said valet, and feloniously thieved in the goldsmithery of London, in the Ward of Farndone Within,[2] whereof the said Thomas appeals him. Pledges for the prosecution, viz., Henry Brenge, "pessoner," and Peter de Sellynge, spicer. The said Adam says he is not guilty, and puts himself on the country. And a jury comes by Thomas de Oxon', goldsmith, William de Dentone, "cordewaner," Nicholas de Sandewyche, John le Brewere, William de Deveneshire, Thomas le Chaundeler, Bartholomew le Disshere, William de Blithe, senior, Thomas Richer, "taillour," William de Castr', Robert de Odyham, and John Chaumpayne, "sadelere," who say on oath that the said Adam is guilty. Therefore [let him be] hanged. Chattels none.

Delivery of "Infangenthef" before Andrew Aubry, the Mayor, Roger de Forsham and William de Thorneye, the Sheriffs, and the Aldermen [not named], Monday after the Feast of St. Peter ad Vincula [1 Aug.], 14 Edward III. [A.D. *1340*].

Roger, son of Osbert de Nangkilly, of co. Cornwall, taken at the suit of John de Herewardstoke, with the mainour of £4 10*s*. 3*d*., the money of Sir John Ercedekne, Knt., his lord, in the custody of the said John, the same having been feloniously taken out of his custody in his house, in the Ward of Bradestrete, on Friday after the Feast of St. Peter ad Vincula, the year aforesaid. Pledges for prosecution, viz., Roger Tydi and Robert de Caustone. The said Roger acknowledges the felony. Therefore [let him be] hanged. Chattels none.

[1] Probably a tall glass set in silver. John de Oxenford in 1361 bequeathed to Richard his son two silver cups with covercles to match and a *tour de veer*. See 'Cal. of Wills, Court of Hust.,' ii. 53.

[2] The Goldsmiths at that time congregated in or near the Old Change.

Delivery of Infangenthef made before Andrew Aubry, the Mayor, Roger de Depham, John de Caustone, and Richard Lacer, Aldermen, and Bartholomew Deumars and Adam Lucas, the Sheriffs, Wednesday the Feast of St. John, Ap. [*27 Dec.*], *14 Edward III.* [A.D. *1340*].

Walter Curteys, "ferour,"[1] taken at the suit of Richard de Notyngham, mercer, with the mainour of a parcel (*unius male*) of girdles, purses, and other things, for a burglary (*pro burgaria*) of the house of the said Richard, and theft of his goods and chattels in the Ward of Chepe, on the night of Friday after the Feast of St. Thomas [21 Dec.], the year aforesaid, viz., of a dozen girdles of Paris (*de Parisio*) of the value of £4; 30 pieces of velvet of the value of 60*s.*; 20 dozen purses of the value of 40*s.*; 8 pieces of cloth of different colour of the value of 60*s.*, and other goods and chattels of the value of £20, whereof the said Richard appeals him. Pledges for prosecution, viz., Richard de Worstede, mercer, and John Madour, mercer. The said Walter says he is not guilty, and puts himself, &c. And a jury comes by William Grubbelane, Robert Lightfot, William de Bramptone, Richard Baldewine, Geoffrey le Purtreour, William Spark, John Rumburgh, John de Cavendisshe, John Rose, Martin le Gurdelere, Nicholas Blosme, and William de Nasynge, who say on oath that the said Walter is guilty. Therefore [let him be] hanged. Chattels none.

Delivery of Infangenthef made before Andrew Aubrey, the Mayor, Roger de Depham, William de Caustone, John de Caustone, Simon Fraunceys, John Hamond, John de Refham, William de Pontefract, and Roger de Forsham, Aldermen, and Bartholomew Deumars and Adam Lucas, Sheriffs, Wednesday after the Feast of St. Hillary [*13 Jan.*], *14 Edward III.* [A.D. *1340–1*]. Fo. cxviii.

William de Notyngham taken at the suit of Alice de Manyfeld with the mainour of a cup of mazer of the value of 10*s.* thieved from her in the parish of St. Sepulchre without Neugate, in the Ward of Farndone without, on Monday after the Feast of St. Hillary, the year aforesaid, whereof she appeals him.

[1] Ironmonger.

Pledges for prosecution, viz., Nicholas le Sporiere and William de Manyfeld. The said William says he is not guilty, and puts himself on the country. And a jury comes by Walter de Berkhampstede, Richard le Sherman, Richard le Clerk, William de Tykeneye, Richard Dymmok, Walter Spronk, John le Barber, "mazoun," Ralph le Hattere, Thomas de Toppesfeld, John Elys, William Deveneys, and John de Iselham, who say on oath that the said William is guilty. Therefore [let him be] hanged. Chattels none.

The above William de Notyngham taken at the suit of Juliana de Hockelee with the mainour of a cup of mazer of the value of 10*s*. thieved from her in Fletestrete on Monday after the Feast of St. Hillary, the year aforesaid, whereof she appeals him. Pledges for prosecution, viz., Adam le Treyere and Nicholas le Sporiere. The said William says he is not guilty, and puts himself on the country. And a jury comes by Walter de Berkhampstede and others *ut supra*, who say on oath that the said William is guilty. Therefore [let him be] hanged. Chattels none.

Delivery of Infangenthef before Andrew Aubry, the Mayor, Bartholomew Deumars and Adam Lucas, the Sheriffs, Roger de Depham, Richard Lacer, Ralph de Uptone, John Hamond, John de Mockynge, and William de Poumfreyt [Aldermen], Friday the morrow of the Ascension [17 May], 15 Edward III. [A.D. *1341*].

Stephen Salle de Canterbury taken at the suit of Borewald Meausone de Dordragh',[1] mariner, with the mainour of a hood of "Russet," a green hood, three courtepies of "blanket," two pairs of linen sheets, girdles, purses, knives, and other goods, to the value of half a mark, feloniously thieved from the ship of the said Borewald at "le Wollewharf" in Tower Ward on Thursday the Feast of the Ascension, the year aforesaid, at dusk, whereof the said Borewald appeals him. Pledges for prosecution, viz., John Lovekyn and Hugh de Craye. The said Stephen says he is not guilty, and puts himself, &c.

[1] Dordrecht.

And a jury comes by Peter atte Vyne, John de Brigham, Edmund de Saunford, Robert Waldecart, John le Barber, Nicholas le Dyeghere, William Baret, Peter le Barber, Robert de Horsle, William atte Corner, Walter Wolley, "skynnere," and Roger atte Ponde, who say on oath that he is guilty. Therefore [let him be] hanged. And the mainour was delivered to the said Borewald, &c.

Delivery of Infangenthef made before Andrew Aubrey, the Mayor, Roger de Depham, John de Grantham, John de Oxon', Richard le Lacer, Richard Costantyn, Roger de Forsham, John de Northhalle, John de Refham, Ralph de Uptone, Aldermen, Bartholomew Deumars and Adam Lucas, the Sheriffs, and John de Shirburn, the Coroner, Monday after the Feast of St. Botolph [17 June], 15 Edward III. [A.D. *1341*]. Fo. ccxviii b.

Gilbert, son of Gilbert de Stapelford, co. Wilts, taken at the suit of Geoffrey Adryan, "spicer," his master, with the mainour of £40 of silver in two pockets (*in duobus pokettis*), feloniously thieved from the said Geoffrey in his house in Soperlane, in the Ward of Cordewanerstrete, on Monday after the Feast of St. Botolph, the year aforesaid, whereof the said Geoffrey appeals him. Pledges for prosecution, viz., William de Excestre, beadle of the said Ward, and Stephen le Palmere, mercer. The said Gilbert acknowledges the felony. Therefore [let him be] hanged. Chattels none.

Delivery of Infangenthef made before the aforesaid Mayor, Sheriffs, and Aldermen, Wednesday after the Feast of the Translation of St. Thomas the Martyr [7 July], 15 Edward III. [A.D. *1341*].

Richard de Pembroke, "taillour," taken at the suit of Benedict de Fulsham with the mainour of a portifory (*unius portiforii*[1]) of the value of 20*s*., feloniously thieved from the said Benedict in his house in the Ward of Vintry on Sunday after the Feast of the Translation of St. Thomas the Martyr, the

[1] A portable breviary or *vade mecum*. Cf. "Portehors."

year aforesaid, whereof the said Benedict appeals him. Pledges for prosecution, viz., Richard le Chaucer[1] and Ralph Dieubeneye. The said Richard says he is not guilty, and puts himself [on the country]. And a jury comes by Maurice le Ropere, Richard le Joynour, Alan le Joynour, William le Coupere, John Pynchebek, John de Thorneye, Richard le Fourbour, Richard de Stoke, Richard de Eckles, John Hardel, William de Reygate, and John de Chestrefeld, "taillour," who say on oath that the said Richard is guilty. Therefore [let him be] hanged. Chattels none, and the mainour is delivered to the party prosecuting.

Delivery of "Infangenethef" made before the aforesaid Mayor, Sheriffs, and Aldermen, and John de Foxtone, the Coroner, Thursday the morrow of St. Peter ad Vincula [1 Aug.], 15 Edward III. [A.D. *1341*].

Henry de Godmynchestre, co. Huntingdon, taken at the suit of Henry de Mersshtone with the mainour of a horse of the value of 13*s.* 4*d.*, belonging to Richard de Wybrigge de Haveryngge, in the custody of the said Henry de Mersshtone, from whom he feloniously thieved it near Fancherche, in the Ward of Langebourne, viz., on Wednesday the Feast of St. Peter ad Vincula, the year aforesaid, whereof the said Henry de Mersshtone appeals him. Pledges for prosecution, viz., Roger Gille and John Frere, "peleter." The said Henry de Godmynchestre says he is not guilty, and puts himself on the country. And a jury comes by Nicholas atte Forde, John Pategris, Geoffrey de Everesdone, John de Sothereye, William Palmere, Simon de Warefeld, Simon le Barber, John Hardekyn, Robert le Proude, Richard Walram, John de Brayneford, Ralph de Mixebery, and John de Stoke, who say on oath that the said Henry is not guilty. Therefore let him go quit thereof.

[1] *Vide supra*, p. 47n.

Delivery of Infangenthef made before John de Oxon', the Mayor, in the presence of Roger de Depham, Andrew Aubrey, John Hamond, Walter Neel, William de Thorneye, and Richard de Berkynge, Aldermen, John de la Rokele, Sheriff, and John de Foxtone, the Coroner, Wednesday before the Feast of St. George [23 April], 16 Edward III. [A.D. *1342*]. Fo. ccxix.

John Lucas, "tayllour," Thomas de Shobyndone, "sadelere," and Walter de Derteford, "smyth," taken with the mainour of divers pieces of white cloth and one piece of cloth of gold (*panni de Dorre*), of the value of 10*s.*, at the suit of William de Huntyngdon, "lyndraper," for burglary of the house of the said William in the Ward of Candelwykestrete on Saturday after Easter, the year aforesaid, when they feloniously robbed him of five pieces of linen and four pieces of cloth of "Blanket" of the value of 40*s.* and other goods and chattels, viz., linen and woollen cloth of the value of a mark, whereof he appeals them. Pledges for prosecution, viz., Robert Gregori, "lyndraper," and Robert de Oundele, "lyndraper." Thereupon, the said John, Thomas, and Walter being separately asked how they wished to acquit themselves, the said Thomas says that he is a clerk, and could not answer without his ordinaries[1] (*sine ordinar' suis*). And because the Court could not proceed further with the delivery of the said Thomas, he was remitted to the prison of Neugate until the coming of the Justices of the said gaol, &c. The said John and Walter say they are not guilty, and put themselves, &c. And a jury comes by Henry atte Lanende, Henry le Neve, John atte Wode, John le Neve junior, Robert atte Dene, John de Staundone, Thomas de Ely, John de Waltham, Walter de Langele, Richard Turk, Stephen de Cornwall, and Robert de Oundele, who say on oath that John Lucas is not guilty of the felony aforesaid and did not withdraw himself.[2] Therefore quit. And the jurors likewise say that the

[1] In other words he claimed "benefit of clergy," and required the presence of the Ordinary before whom to read his "neck verse."

[2] This appears to he the correct interpretation of the words *nec retraxit se*, which often follow a verdict of acquittal. The words puzzled the late Mr. Cordy

aforesaid Walter is guilty. Therefore [let him be] hanged. Chattels none.

Delivery of Infangenthef made in the Guildhall, London, Thursday before the Nativity B. M. [8 Sept.], 16 Edward III. [A.D. *1342*], *before Simon Fraunceys, the Mayor, John de Rokele, Sheriff, and John de Foxtone, the Coroner, in the presence of Roger de Depham, the Recorder, Andrew Aubrey, Richard Lacer, William de Thorneye, William de Caustone, and John de Aylesham, Aldermen.*

Adam de Ichingtone, co. Warwick, taken at the suit of Richard de Grenstede, "cordewaner," with the mainour of fifty-four pairs of shoes, of the value of 22*s.* 6*d.*, which the said Adam feloniously thieved from the house of the said Richard at Billyngesgate, feloniously breaking the house on the night of Sunday after the Feast of the Decollation of St. John Bapt. [29 Aug.], the year aforesaid, wherefore the said Richard appeals him. Pledges for prosecution, viz., Thomas de Asshe, "cordewaner," and John de Norhamptone, "cordewaner." The said Adam says he is not guilty, and puts himself on the country. A jury comes by Walter Servat, John Kyng, Simon atte Dane, Ralph de Bery, John le Keu, John atte Welle, John atte Loke, cordwainer, Laurence Belewe, Edmund de Sandwych, Richard Malemayn, Robert de Derby, and Simon le Chaundeler, who say on oath that the said Adam is guilty Therefore [let him be] hanged. Chattels none.

Jeaffreson when he came across them in the Middlesex County Records, and at one time he was disposed to interpret them "nor did the jury withdraw from or retract that verdict." (See his 'Calendar,' vol. ii., Preface, p. xxx.) Even the discovery of such English equivalents as "noe flienge," "did not flie," "nor fled," &c., which crop up in the seventeenth century, failed to convince him of his error (see 'Calendar,' vol. iii., Preface, p. xiii), and it was not until he was nearing the end of his valuable work that he recognized that the words *nec se retraxit* meant that the accused had not been guilty of "the minor offence of having fled from justice." (See 'Calendar,' vol. iv., Preface, pp. viii-ix.)

Delivery of Infangenthef made before Simon Fraunceys, the Mayor, in the presence of Roger de Depham, John de Aylesham, William de Pontefract, William de Caustone, John de Caustone, Thomas Leggy, John Hamond, and Richard de Berkynge, Aldermen, Richard de Kyselyngbury and John Lovekyn, Sheriffs, and John de Foxtone, the Coroner, Saturday before the Feast of St. Gregory [12 March], 17 Edward III. [A.D. *1342–3*]. Fo. ccxix

Henry de Waperlond de Wentebrigge taken at the suit of Walter de Staneford, "dieghere," with the mainour of three pieces of blue cloth (*panni de blueto*) of the value of 24*s*., of which the said Henry had feloniously robbed the said Walter at Pouleswharf on the 4th March, the year aforesaid, whereof the said Walter appeals him before Richard de Kyselyngbury, one of the Sheriffs, and John de Foxtone, the Coroner. Pledges for prosecution, viz., William atte Corner and Richard de Staneford, "dieghere." The said Henry says he is not guilty, and puts himself, &c. And inquisition being taken by oath of Hugh le Chaundeler, William atte Mere, John de Charrynge, Stephen de Staneford, John Denewey, Richard atte Corner, Walter de Cherteseye, Walter Harneys, Thomas de Sandewyche, Richard le Chaundeler, Richard de Staneford, and Thomas de Suttone, they say that he is guilty. Therefore [let him be] hanged. Chattels none.

Delivery of Infangenthef made before the Mayor, Aldermen, and Sheriffs, Thursday after the Feast of St. Michael [29 Sept.], 17 Edward III. [A.D. *1343*].

Roger de Norhamptone, "squyler,"[1] taken at the suit of Pain de Mentriche, brewer, with the mainour of a cup of mazer, of the value of half a mark, feloniously thieved from the said Pain in the parish of St. Bride de Fletestrete on Wednesday after the Feast of St. Michael, the year aforesaid, whereof the said Pain appeals him. Pledges for prosecution, viz., Reginald de Thorpe and John Walsheman, "cordewaner." The said Roger

[1] Maker of "esqueles" or porringers (Riley). More probably a scullion.

says he is not guilty, and puts himself upon the country. A jury comes by Alexander Fraunceys, John Truent, Richard Hert, Alan de Fisshbourne, John Walsheman, John de Pymeworth, Simon de Dordright, William de Abyndone, Adam de Oxon', William de Hestone, "cordewaner," Nicholas le Carpenter, and Richard le Sadelere, who say on oath that the said Roger is guilty. Therefore [let him be] hanged. Chattels none.

Delivery of "Infangethef" made before John Hamond, the Mayor, the Aldermen, Sheriffs, and Coroner, Saturday the Feast of St. Lucia [13 Dec.], 17 Edward III. [A.D. *1343*].

Alan de York, "peleter," Thomas de York, "chaundeler," and John de Bredstrete, "portour," taken at the suit of William Pyteman, servant of John Borgeys, "hosiere," of Cordewanerstrete, with the mainour of rayed cloth[1] (*panni radiati*) of the value of 41*s.*, which they had feloniously taken out of the custody of the said William in Cordewanerstrete on Saturday the Feast of St. Nicholas [6 Dec.], the year aforesaid, whereof the said William appeals them. Pledges for prosecution, viz., John Borgeys and William de Dustone, "hosiere." The said Alan, Thomas, and John say they are not guilty, and put themselves on the country. And inquisition having been taken by oath of Albin le Settere, Robert le Clerk, Richard de Horsham, John Busshe, William de Haukedene, Roger le Skynnere, John de Hoo, "cordewaner," Adam de Bernham, William Edward, Hanekyn Lenglissh, Nicholas Jolype, and John Gregge, skinner, they say that the said Alan, Thomas, and John are guilty. Therefore [let them be] hanged. Chattels none.

Fo. ccxx. *Delivery of Infangenthef made before John Hamond, the Mayor, the Aldermen, and Sheriffs, and John de Foxtone, the Coroner, Friday after the Feast of St. Botolph [17 June], 18 Edward III.* [A.D. *1344*].

John de Chadesle, co. Lincoln, taken at the suit of John de Haukeshale, servant of Richard de Toppesfeld, "cotiller," with the mainour of sixty-three knives, of the value of 6*s.* 8*d.*, belonging to the said Richard and in the custody of the said

[1] Striped cloth. Cf. "chalon rayes," 'Letter-Book E,' fo. ccx.

John, in Chepe, together with other goods and chattels of the said Richard to the value of 10 marks, which he feloniously thieved on the night of Saturday after the Feast of St. Barnabas [11 June], the year aforesaid, whereof the said John de Haukeshale appeals him. Pledges for prosecution, viz., Richard de Toppesfeld, "cotiller," and William de Castr[o], goldsmith. The said John de Chadesle says he is not guilty, and puts himself, &c. A jury comes by Thomas de Macchyngge, Nicholas de Goldyngtone, William de Bury, Richard le Morager, Adam atte Hulle, armourer, William Gorel, William atte Raven, taverner, Geoffrey atte Lanende, Thomas le Porter, John de Flandene, John de Coggeshale, and Thomas Spray, who say on oath that the said John de Chadesle is guilty. Therefore [let him be] hanged. Chattels none.

Delivery of Infangethef made before John Hamond, the Mayor, Roger de Depham, Richard Lacer, William de Caustone, Aldermen, Thomas Legy and Geoffrey Tableter, Sheriffs, and John de Foxtone, the Coroner, Friday after the Feast of St. Hillary [13 Jan.], 18 Edward III. [A.D. *1344-5*].

Hugh de Redyng, taverner, John Bussard de Thacchesham, John de Wysbech, fishmonger, and John Skydemore de Malmesbury taken at the suit of William de Dustone, "hosiere," with the mainour of divers pieces of cloth of different colour, of the value of 100*s*., and for burglary (*et pro burgaria*) of the said William's shop in Cordwanerstrete and feloniously thieving the said cloth on the night of Monday after the Epiphany [6 Jan.], the year aforesaid, whereof he appeals them. Pledges for prosecution, viz., Hugh de Stowe, "hosiere," and James Andrew, draper. Being asked how they would acquit themselves, the aforesaid Hugh de Redyng and John Bussard say they are clerks, and are therefore committed to prison, *quousque, etc.;* and the aforesaid John de Wysbeche and John Skydemore say they are not guilty, and put themselvés, &c. A jury comes by Thomas Brus, William de Haukedene, John de Coventre, William de Nortone, "taillour," William Chelry, Roger le Wyse, John de Hoo, John Grigge, John Swan, John Bruggewater,

Hereman Settere, and David le Cordewaner, who say on oath that the said John de Wysbeche and John Skydemor[e] are guilty. Therefore [let them be] hanged. Chattels none.

Delivery of Infangethef made before the aforesaid Mayor, Aldermen, Sheriffs, and Coroner, Friday after the Feast of St. Matthias, Ap. [*24 Feb.*], *19 Edward III.* [A.D. *1344–5*].

Robert de Strattone and Gilbert Denewey taken at the suit of Thomas de Hedersete, "sherman," with the mainour of two pieces of cloth of "appelblom medle,"[1] containing twelve ells, of the value of 20*s.*, feloniously thieved from him in the parish of St. Mary Magdalen de Milkestrete on Tuesday the Feast of St. Peter in Cathedra [22 Feb.], the year aforesaid, whereof the said Thomas appeals them. Pledges for prosecution, viz., Thomas atte Wode and Richard de Carlel, "taillour." The said Robert says that he is a clerk, and therefore he is committed to prison, *quousque, etc.* The said Gilbert says he is not guilty, and puts himself, &c. A jury comes by Thomas de Macchynge, Robert le Glovere, Thomas Jay, Richard de Kent, Thomas de Warlee, Hugh Busshe, Robert le Disshere, John de Farlee, Henry Flynt, William de Shrouesbery, "skynnere," Walter le Barber, and Robert de Bartone, who say on oath that the said Gilbert is guilty. Therefore [let him be] hanged. Chattels none.

Fo. ccxx b. *Delivery of Infangenthef made before John Hamond, the Mayor, the Aldermen, Thomas Legy and Geoffrey de Wychingham, Sheriffs, and John de Foxtone, the Coroner, Saturday the Feast of St. George* [*23 April*], *19 Edward III.* [A.D. *1345*].

Byndo[2] de Florence, Lombard, taken at the suit of John de Croydone, taverner, servant of John atte Belle, vintner, with the mainour of six cups of silver and half of a broken silver cup, of the value of £4, feloniously thieved from the said servant in Bercherverslane,[3] in the Ward of Langebourne, on Thursday

[1] Cloth of the colour of apple-bloom mixed with other colours.

[2] Cf. "Binde" de Florence, 'Cal. Letter-Book B,' p. 6.

[3] Birchin Lane.

before the Feast of St. George, the year aforesaid, whereof the said John de Croydone appeals him. Pledges for prosecution, viz., John de Draytone, "taillour," and Nicholas de Harewedone, clerk. The said Byndo says he is not guilty, and puts himself on the country. A jury comes by Robert de Stratford, Roger Godchepe, Edward Cordewaner, Eustace le Peleter, William Hampslap', Richard Horslake, Henry Buntynge, tailor, William Wylde, Thomas de Saham, tailor, John Waldecart, Richard Michel, tailor, and John Peautrer, who say on oath that he is guilty. Therefore [let him be] hanged. Chattels none.

Delivery of Infangenthef made before John Hamond, the Mayor, the Aldermen, Thomas "Legi" and Geoffrey de Wichingham, Sheriffs, and John de Foxtone, the Coroner, Wednesday before the Nativity B. M. [8 Sept.], 19 Edward III. [A.D. *1345*].

Thomas Harmere, of Sussex, and Thomas de Blurtone de Roberdesbregge taken at the suit of Stephen de Popeltone, servant of John Fynche de Wynchelse, with the mainour of divers goods and chattels feloniously thieved from the said Stephen outside Bisshopesgate on Friday after the Decollation of St. John Bapt. [29 Aug.], the year aforesaid. In like manner the aforesaid Thomas and Thomas taken at the suit of John Whitheved, of Wynchelsee, with the mainour of divers goods and chattels feloniously thieved from the said John without Bisshopesgate the same day. Thereupon the said Thomas Harmere says he is a clerk, &c. Therefore he is committed to the prison of the lord the King at Neugate, *quousque, etc.* The said Thomas de Blurton says he is not guilty, and puts himself on the country. A jury comes by John de Waltham, Robert de Bristoll, "dieghere," Thomas Gynes, John le Brewere, John Herynge, Roger le Brewere, Richard de Harengeye, Robert Dycoun, Nicholas atte Brodegate, William de Eppynge (Erpynge?), John le Mareschal, and Nicholas Blosme (Blosine?), who say on oath that he is guilty. Therefore [let him be] hanged. Chattels none.[1]

[1] Set out at greater length in 'Memorials,' pp. 229-30.

Delivery of Infangenthef made before Richard Lacer, the Mayor, Roger de Depham, John Hamond, John de Caustone, Bartholomew Deumars, Geoffrey de Wychingham, Aldermen, John de Gloucestre and Edmund de Hemenhale, Sheriffs, and John de Foxtone, the Coroner, in the Guildhall, Wednesday after the Feast of St. Barnabas [11 June], 20 Edward III. [A.D. *1346*].

John Duk de Mundene, co. Herts, taken at the suit of Roger de Shrouesbury, skinner, for the burglary of the said Roger's house and for goods feloniously stolen, viz., four white furs of lamb of the value of 8*s.* and a "courtepy" of gold (*de Dorre*), furred for a woman, of the value of 5*s.*, in the parish of St. Mary de Wolcherchehawe, in the Ward of Walbroke, on Wednesday the eve of the Ascension [25 May], the year aforesaid, whereof the said Roger appeals him. Pledges for prosecution, viz., William Meire, "skynnere," and John de Uptone, "skynnere." The said John says he is not guilty, and puts himself, &c. A jury comes by John Thurstone, Peter le Chaundeler, John de Walsham, Thomas de Pekham, Richard Palmere, John de Stafford, Simon le Palmere, Peter de Bixle, Henry le Packere, Roger le Keu, "hakeneyman," Roger Leangre, and Henry de Shawe, who say on oath that he is guilty. Therefore [let him be] hanged. Chattels none. The mainour is delivered to the aforesaid Roger in full Court, &c.

Fo. ccxxi. *Delivery of "Infangeth" held at the Guildhall, Thursday after the Feast of St. Matthias, Ap.* [*24 Feb.*], *21 Edward III.* [A.D. *1346–7*], *before Geoffrey de Wychingham, the Mayor, Roger de Depham, Richard Lacer, Simon Fraunceys, Richard de Berkyng, Aldermen, John de Croydone and William Clapitus, Sheriffs, and John de Foxtone, the Coroner.*

John Quarel, of co. Dorset, taken at the suit of Simon le Taverner, servant of William atte Wylde, taverner, with the mainour of two cups of silver of the value of 16*s.*, belonging to the said William and in the custody of the said Simon, which he feloniously thieved in the new tavern at Holebourne on Tuesday after the Feast of St. Matthias, the year aforesaid, whereof the said Simon appeals him before William Clapitus,

one of the Sheriffs, and John de Foxtone, the Coroner. Pledges for prosecution, viz., William le Chaundeler de Holbourne and Simon de Iswode. The said John says he is not guilty, and puts himself, &c. A jury comes by Stephen atte Pye, Robert Bydoun, John de Whitefeld, William le Ferour, Peter atte Rededore, Richard Bray, Walter de Eggewere, John de Flaundene, William de Waldene, chandler, William de Chelchethe, Thomas de Henele, and John de Yepeswyche, who say on oath that he is guilty. Therefore [let him be] hanged. Chattels none.

Delivery of Infangenthef made at the Guildhall before Thomas Leggy, the Mayor, Roger de Depham, Andrew Aubrey, John Hamond, Richard Lacer, and William de Thorneye, Aldermen, Richard de Basingstoke, Alderman and Sheriff, and John de Foxtone, the Coroner, Tuesday before the Feast of SS. Perpetua and Felicitas [*7 March*], *22 Edward III.* [A.D. *1347–8*]. Fo. ccxxi b.

Thomas de Bray, "brewere," taken at the suit of William le Cartere de Fynchesle with the mainour of two young oxen (*boviculi*) and three cows, of the value of 30*s.*, feloniously thieved by the said Thomas outside Aldresgate on Sunday after the Feast of St. Matthias [24 Feb.], the year aforesaid, whereof the said William appeals him. Pledges for prosecution, viz., John le Peyntour without Aldresgate and John Curteys, "tymbermongere." The said Thomas says he is not guilty, and puts himself, &c. A jury comes by Richard atte Ponde, John Curteys, Roger de Almaygne, Henry le Leche, John de Carletone, Nicholas de Tauntone, John de Wynchestre, Robert de Suttone, John Sterre, Edmund Fryday, Elyas Fraunceys, and Robert de Mimmes, who say on oath that he is guilty. Therefore [let him be] hanged. Chattels none.

Delivery of Infangenthef made at the Guildhall before Walter Turk, the Mayor, Roger de Depham and the rest of the Aldermen, and Adam de Bury and Ralph de Lenne, the Sheriffs, Monday after the Feast of the Translation of St. Thomas the Martyr [*7 July*], *24 Edward III.* [A.D. *1350*].

Richard de Bristoll and Simon de Berdesdale taken at the suit of William de Cornwaille, "taillour," with the mainour of

two surcoats, one of cloth of "Brounmedle,"[1] for a woman, of the value of 14*s.* 4*d.*, and the other of blue (*de blueto*), for a man, of the value of 10*s.*, feloniously thieved in the parish of St. John de Zakarie, in the Ward of Aldresgate, whereof the said William appeals them. Pledges for prosecution, viz., William de Clyftone and Roger de Gysbourne. The said Richard and Simon are brought up by the keeper of the gaol. Being asked how they would acquit themselves, the said Richard says he is a clerk. He is therefore remitted to Neugate until the next gaol delivery. The said Simon says he is not guilty, and puts himself, &c. Thereupon an inquisition taken. A jury[2] comes and says that he is guilty. Therefore [let him be] hanged. Chattels none.

Delivery of Infangenthef made in the Guildhall before Andrew Aubrey, the Mayor, in the presence of Richard Lacer and Roger de Depham, Aldermen, Gilbert de Stayndrope and John Wrothe, Sheriffs, and Henry de Suttone, the Coroner, Thursday after the Feast of St. Botolph [*17 June*], *26 Edward III.* [A.D. *1352*].

Thomas de Bovyntone taken at the suit of John de Kelfeld, of co. Lincoln, with the mainour of a furred surcoat and two double hoods,[3] of the value of 4*s.*, and two sheets, of the value of 40*d.*, of which he had feloniously robbed the said John on Monday after the Feast of St. Augustine [26 May], the year aforesaid, in Sholane, near Holborn, whereof the said John appeals him. Pledges for prosecution, viz., John de Boterwyk and John Broun. The said Thomas puts himself, &c. A jury comes by William de Patryngtone, fuller, John de Nortone, "webbe,"[4] John Heynes, Walter de Wynthedene, Roger Costantyn, Nicholas de Audele, Walter Chaundeler, Philip Forester, John atte Felde, tanner, Henry Dymenell, Stephen atte Pye, and Nicholas de Worstede, who say on oath that he is guilty. Therefore [let him be] hanged. Chattels none.

[1] Of a mixed brown colour.

[2] The names of the jurors are not recorded.

[3] *Duorum capuciorum duplicat'*, meaning probably lined hoods.

[4] Weaver.

At the same delivery, Alice de Chalkes, co. Kent, taken at the suit of John Stevene, of co. Essex, with the mainour of a brass pot of the value of 5*s*. feloniously thieved from the said John on Thursday the Feast of the Ascension [17 May], the year aforesaid, without Aldresgate, whereof he appeals her. Pledges for prosecution, viz., John le Bordurer and Walter Barfote. The said Alice puts herself, &c. A jury comes by Walter Bowiere, William de Brunham, John Kendale, Robert de Leyghtone, John de Lesne, Robert le Hattere, Thomas de Lynne, Thomas Sadelere, David de Leycestre, William de Clapthorpe, Roger Smert, and William de Cryngelford, who say she is not guilty. Therefore let her go quit thereof. Fo. ccxxii.

Delivery of Infangenthef in the Guildhall, Friday after the Feast of SS. Fabian and Sebastian [20 Jan.], 29 Edward III. [A.D. 1355–1356?], before Simon Fraunceys, the Mayor, Roger de Depham and William atte Welde, Aldermen, Thomas de Brandon and Walter Forster, Sheriffs, and Henry de Suttone, the Coroner.

John de Burtone, of Ely, taken at the suit of Agnes Percy, servant of Robert de Croydone, taverner, with the mainour of a cup of silver and a cup of mazer, of the value of 20*s*., feloniously thieved in Estchepe, in the Ward of Billyngesgate, on Friday after the Feast of St. Hillary [13 Jan.], 29 Edward III. [A.D. 1355–6], whereof she appeals him. Pledges for prosecution, viz., Robert de Croydone, taverner, and William de Coventre, skinner. The said John puts himself, &c. A jury comes by Adam de Kelyngworth, Robert Cory, John Rolf, Philip Page, Robert de Lyndwode, Henry atte Beche, Robert Osbarn, William de Coresle, "bocher," William Hewe, John de Ware, "cok," John Wysman, and John de Kent, who say on oath that he is guilty. Therefore [let him be] hanged. Chattels none.

John de Burtone, of Ely, taken at the suit of Matthew Beaumarys, servant of Philip "Fitz" Nichol, "vyneter," with the mainour of a cup of mazer, of the value of 10*s*., feloniously taken at "le Wolwharf" in Tower Ward on Sunday after the Feast of St. Hillary [13 Jan.], 29 Edward III. [A.D. 1355–6],

whereof the said Matthew appeals him. Pledges for prosecution, viz., Philip Nichol and John de Kent, taverner. The said John puts himself, &c. A jury comes as above, and says on oath that he is guilty. Therefore [let him be] hanged. Chattels none.

Fo. ccxxii b. *Delivery of "Infangthef" made in the Guildhall before John de Stodeye, the Mayor, in the presence of Roger de Depham, Simon Dolsely, John Pecche, Thomas Dolsely, Bartholomew Frestlynge, John de Chichestre, Aldermen, the aforesaid Bartholomew and Stephen Cavendisshe, Sheriffs, and Henry de Suttone, the Coroner, Saturday before the Feast of St. Gregory [12 March], 32 Edward III.* [A.D. *1357–8*].

Henry Van Tene taken at the suit of Laurence de Flete, servant of Richard de Oxon', draper, with the mainour of a piece of red cloth, of the value of 5½ marks, feloniously thieved in Cordewanerstrete on Thursday after the Feast of SS. Perpetua and Felicitas [7 March], the year aforesaid. Pledges for prosecution, viz., Richard de Oxon', draper, and John Botiller, draper. The said Henry appears in custody of the gaoler, and being asked by the aforesaid Roger de Depham, the Recorder of the City, how he would acquit himself, acknowledged the felony. Therefore [let him be] hanged. Chattels none. The said Laurence to recover the mainour.

Delivery of Infangthef made in the Guildhall before Nicholas Brembre, the Mayor, William Cheyne, the Recorder, Adam Stable, John "Phelipot," John Haddele, Adam de St. Ives, John Estone, Robert Warbeltone, John Rote, John Vyne, John Kirketone, and William Badby, Aldermen, and Andrew Pykeman and Nicholas Twyford, Aldermen and Sheriffs, Tuesday before the Feast of the Translation of St. Thomas the Martyr [7 July], viz., the 6th July, 2 Richard II. [A.D. *1378*].

Simon Wylde de Estland, "Bedemakere,"[1] taken at the suit of Thomas Trewe, "haberdasshere," with the mainour of

[1] Probably a maker of prayer-beads for rosaries, a "paternostrer."

divers goods and chattels[1] which, with two other unknown thieves, he forcibly took from the house of the said Thomas, near the Friars Minors, in the parish of St. Ewen (*Audoeni*), in the Ward of Farndon Within, on the night of Sunday the 4th July, the year aforesaid, whereof the said Thomas appeals him. Pledges for prosecution, viz., John Salle and Richard Spencer, "haberdassheres." The said Simon says he is not guilty, and puts himself on the country. A jury of the venue (*visneti*[2]) aforesaid comes by John Gilmyn, William Bumsted, Richard Coupere, John Cànynges, John Watervylle, Richard Totyngge, William Belde, John Coddeswold, Thomas Roundell, John Cursone, Robert atte Coke, and John Haytfeld, who say on oath that the said Simon is guilty. Therefore [let him be] hanged. Lands and tenements of the said Simon none. Chattels of the same, a coverlet and a sheet of the value of 6*d*.

Delivery of Infangthef made in the Guildhall before John Philipot, Mayor, John Warde, Roger Elys, Walter Sibyle, Robert Boxford, John Sely, John Heylesdone, John Shelford, and Thomas Welford, Aldermen, and John Bosham and Thomas Cornwaleys, Aldermen and Sheriffs, Wednesday, 31 Aug., 3 Richard II. [A.D. *1379*]. Fo. ccxxiii

John Netlebed, of co. Suff., taken at the suit of John Baldewell, "cook," with the mainour of 18 silver spoons, of the value of 40*s*.; 7 pieces of silver, of the value of 10 marks; 4 girdles harnessed with silver, of the value of 20 marks; 2 cups of mazer bound with silver-gilt, of the value of 40*s*.; a pair of "paternostres" of "aumber," with a fermail of gold and another fermail of silver-gilt, and a gold ring of the value of 10*s*., which the said John Netlebed forcibly and feloniously

[1] Set out in 'Memorials,' pp. 422-423. The editor, however, appears to have misread "cradilbondes" as "cradilbowes," which he connects with the trade of "bower de layne." (See 'Cal. Letter-Book D,' p. 51n.) This connexion appears very plausible, as a "bower de layne" or "bowiere lanarum" may well mean a maker of woollen bonds, or bands for cradles or beds.

[2] The vicinage (*vicinetum*) or neighbourhood whence a jury is summoned for trial of a cause, the legal term "venue" being a corruption of "visnue."

stole from the house of the said John Baldewell in Briggestrete, in the Ward of Bridge, in the parish of St. Leonard, on Tuesday the 30th August, the year aforesaid, whereof the said John Baldewell appeals him. Pledges for prosecution, viz., Bartholomew Berforde, "hostiller," and Walter Tauntone, "sadeler." The said John Netlebed says he is not guilty, and puts himself on the country. A jury of the venue aforesaid comes by Thomas Junek (Innek ?), Simon Cadan', Edmund atte Crouche, John Caunterbury, John Smart, John de Ware, John de Kent, Richard Jurdone, Richard Dorelle, John Keterynge, William Dancastre, and John Harwode, who say on oath that he is guilty. Therefore [let him be] hanged. John Baldewelle to recover the aforesaid mainour. Chattels none.

Fo. ccxxiii b. *Delivery of "Infangenthef" made in the Guildhall before John Norhamptone, Mayor, William Cheyne, the Recorder, Thomas Welford, John Fresshe, Thomas Irland, William Knyghtcote, Robert Lucas, Roger Elys, Adam Karlille, Edmund Olyver, William Kyng, [Aldermen], John Hende and John Rote, Sheriffs, Thursday the Feast of St. Lucia [13 Dec.], 5 Richard II. [A.D. 1381].*

John Munde, junior, otherwise called John Andreu de Abbeye Waltham, co. Essex, taken at the suit of Adam Ledyard, "jeweler," with the mainour of divers jewels and other chattels[1] feloniously taken from the house of the said Adam in the parish of St. Martin at Ludgate, in the Ward of Farndone Within, at dusk on the night of Wednesday after the Feast of the Conception B. M. [8 Dec.], the year aforesaid, whereof the said Adam appeals him. Pledges for prosecution, viz., John Ledyard, "settere," and William Leyk, "taillour." The aforesaid goods and chattels were found upon the felon at the time of his capture in the aforesaid Ward, and the felon himself was there taken on the Wednesday aforesaid. The said John Munde says he is not guilty, and puts himself on the country. A jury of the venue aforesaid comes, viz., Robert Lyncoln,

[1] Particulars set out in 'Memorials,' p. 455.

Richard Reve, John Craft, Walter Yepeswich, Richard Waltham, Robert Tillebury, John Terry, Symon Warmyntone, John de Kent, John Wynchestre, John Daventre, and John Kyng, who say on oath that he is guilty. Therefore [let him be] hanged, and let the said Adam recover the mainour aforesaid. Chattels none.

Delivery of Infangenthef made in the Guildhall before John Norhamptone, the Mayor, John Philipot, Knt., Nicholas Brembre, Knt., Thomas Carletone, John More, Simon Wynchecombe, Adam Bamme, William Bys, Aldermen, John Hende and John Rote, Sheriffs, and John Charneye, the Coroner, Friday after the Feast of the Assumption B. M. [15 Aug.], 6 Richard II. [A.D. *1382*].

Walter atte Watre, "goldsmyth," and Nicholas Somersete, of Phelip Norton, co. Somerset, taken at the suit of John Frensshe, "goldsmyth," with the mainour of divers goods and chattels[1] feloniously taken from the shop of the said John at the corner of Fridaystrete in Westchepe, in the parish of St. Matthew in the Ward of Farndon Within, on the night of Wednesday after the Feast of the Assumption B. M., the year aforesaid, whereof he appeals them. Pledges for prosecution, viz., William Lucas, "goldsmyth," and William Penere, "goldsmyth."

Also the said Walter and Nicholas taken at the suit of Thomas Stoke, "goldsmyth," with the mainour of divers goods and chattels[2] feloniously taken from his shop in the above place, ward, and parish the same night, whereof he appeals them. Pledges for prosecution, viz., William Tyngewyk, "goldsmyth," and John Lutone, "goldsmyth." The said goods both of John Frensshe and Thomas Stoke were found with the felons at the time of their arrest on the Wednesday aforesaid. The said Walter and Nicholas say they are not guilty, and put themselves on the country. A jury of the venue comes, viz., Henry Markeby,

[1] Particulars set out in 'Memorials,' p. 470.

[2] *Ibid.*, p. 471.

Henry Malemayn, William Grantham, Thomas Dany, William Bretford, John Bernes, Roger Ryot, John Lutone, John Pyers, John Osebourne, Roger Crane, and Richard Burgate, who say on oath that they are guilty. And because the said Walter and Nicholas were clerks and could read, and [the Court was] without an Ordinary, &c., it could not proceed to judgment, and they were committed for safe custody to Neugate, *quousque, etc.* Chattels none.

Fo. ccxxiv. *Delivery of Infangenthef made in the Guildhall before Nicholas Brembre, the Mayor, William Cheyne, the Recorder, Thomas Cornwaleys, Henry Vannere, William More, John Hende, John Estone, John Sely, William Ancroft, Roger Elys, Adam de St. Ives, and Geoffrey Crymelford, Aldermen, [and] Simon Wynchecombe and John More, Sheriffs, Saturday after the Feast of St. Botolph [17 June], 7 Richard II.* [A.D. *1384*].

John Dugard, "fruter," taken at the suit of Nicholas Symcok with the mainour of £70 13*s.* 4*d.* in nobles numbered and enclosed in a leather bag, 4 silver spoons of the value of 12*s.*, a purse called "hamodeys"[1] of "velewet," of the value of 18*d.*, feloniously taken from the house of the said Nicholas in the parish of St. Peter the Less, near Pouleswharf, in the Ward of Castle Baynard, on Thursday before the Feast of St. Botolph, the year aforesaid, at the third hour of the day, whereof the said Nicholas appeals him. Pledges for prosecution, viz., Thomas Tillebury, "lorymer," and Henry Shelford. The money and goods were found on the felon at the time of his arrest on Friday the Feast of St. Botolph aforesaid. The said John says he is not guilty of the felony, and puts himself on the country. A jury of the venue of the parish aforesaid comes, viz., John Fisshe, Robert Asshetone, Roger Bynge, "fullere," William Arundel, Richard de Clyve, Philip Garlekmongere, William Shirwode, Michael Chaundeler, Thomas Ledbury, John Sprot, Roger Bowe, and Thomas Aldenham, who being

[1] Spelt "hamondeys," on fo. ccxxii b. Dictionaries have been searched in vain for an interpretation. See 'Memorials,' p. 422.

elected, tried (*triati*[1]), and diligently examined, say on oath that the said John Dugard is guilty, and the said Nicholas prosecuted (*pros'*) his appeal. Therefore the said felon was hanged (*suspensus fuit*), &c. Chattels none. The said Nicholas recovered the mainour aforesaid.

Delivery of Infangenthef made in the Guildhall before William Venour, the Mayor, John Tremayn, the Recorder, Adam Bamme, John Hende, William Baret, Thomas Austyn, Adam Karlille, Henry Bamme, William Bramptone, Aldermen, John Loveye and John Walcote, Sheriffs, and John de Scardeburgh, the Coroner, Saturday after the Feast of St. Botolph [17 June], 13 Richard II. [A.D. *1390*]. Fo. ccxxiv b.

John Prentys and John Markyngtone taken at the suit of Thomas Provendre, mercer, for breaking into his house in the parish of St. Michael in Bassieshawe, in the Ward of Bassyngeshawe,[2] and feloniously removing divers goods on the night of Thursday before the Feast of St. Botolph aforesaid. The felons were in possession of the greater part of the goods when arrested the next day. Pledges for prosecution, viz., John Burre, mercer, and Peter Morys, mercer. The felons say they are not guilty, and put themselves on the country. A jury of the venue of the parish aforesaid comes, viz., Walter Godman, Thomas Cave, Thomas Multone, John Sparwe, Henry Asshebourne, Richard Paynell, Thomas Wobourne, Matthew Karlille, John Bokelsmythe, Thomas Beneyt, John Heryerd, and John Wynchester, who being elected, tried, and diligently examined, say on oath that the said John Prentys and John Markyngtone are guilty. Therefore [they are] hanged (*suspens'*). Chattels none. And the said Thomas Provendre maintained (*manutenuit*) his appeal and recovered the mainour, &c.

[1] Refers to the practice of challenging jurors; the challenges were tested and *tried*. Pollock and Maitland, ii. 596, note 2.

[2] The juxtaposition of "Bassieshawe" and "Bassyngeshawe," in the opinion of the editor of the 'Memorials' (p. 520 n.), serves to show that the former had its name from the Bassets and the latter from the Basings, but this is doubtful. More probably Bassishaw is only a corruption of Basingshaw.

Fo. ccxxv. *Delivery of Infangenthef made in the Guildhall before William Askham, the Mayor, Thomas Thornburgh, the Recorder, Richard Whityngtone, William Fremelyngham, William Crowmere, William Bramptone, William Venour, Geoffrey Broke, Aldermen, Thomas Polle and Thomas Fauconer, Sheriffs, and John Pokelyngtone, the Coroner, Tuesday after the Feast of Translation of St. Thomas the Martyr* [*7 July*], *5 Henry IV.* [A.D. *1404*].

William Frothyngham, of co. York, taken at the suit of John Denys, "jeweler," for breaking into the house of the said John in the parish of St. Martin within Ludgate, in the Ward of Farindone Within, on the night of the Feast of the Translation of St. Thomas aforesaid, and feloniously taking divers goods and chattels, viz., a mazer with silver-gilt bands and a silver stand of the value of 20*s.*, and a pair of prayers of amber (*unum par precum de aumber*[1]) of the value of 13*s.* 4*d.*, and other goods and chattels of the value of £10, whereof the said John appeals him. Pledges for prosecuting his appeal, viz., John Aunger and John Walshe. The said William says he is not guilty, and puts himself on the country. A jury of the venue of the parish aforesaid comes, viz., William Hanwelle, John Hall, William Joye, John Henxworth, John Bedford, William Jondrell, Robert Stalworth, Richard Thornhull, Martin Barnaby, John Walsshe, Richard Catelyn, and William atte Wode, who being elected, tried, and diligently examined, say on oath that the said William Frothyngham is guilty. Therefore hanged. Chattels none. And the said John Denys maintained his appeal and recovered the goods aforesaid, &c.

Delivery of Infangenthef made in the Guildhall before John Wodecok, the Mayor, John de Prestone, the Recorder, John Hadlee, Thomas Knolles, John Shadworth, William Venour, Robert Chychele, Thomas Fauconer, Aldermen, and Henry Gartone and William Crowmere, Sheriffs, Monday, 26 April, 7 Henry IV. [A.D. *1406*].

William Hegge taken on the previous Saturday at the suit of Margaret Normantone, late wife of Thomas Normantone,

[1] Meaning probably a pair of rosaries, or prayer-beads, made of amber. Cf. a pair of "paternostres" of "aumber," *supra*, p. 269.

grocer, with the mainour of divers goods and chattels[1] feloniously thieved by night from her shop in the parish of St. Mary de Colcherche, in the Ward of Westchepe, on the Saturday aforesaid, whereof she appeals him. Pledges for prosecution, viz., James Cok and John Chadde. The said William says he is not guilty, and puts himself on the country. A jury of the venue aforesaid comes, viz., Richard Reynolde, Nicholas Bukhirst, Robert Barfoot, Peter Coteler, William Cornevile, John Denys, William Cawode, Ralph Aas, John Parfey, John Wottone, John Whytbred, and William Ingram, who say on oath that the said William is guilty. They say also that he was taken at the suit of the said Margaret on the Saturday aforesaid. Therefore it is adjudged by the Court that the said William be hanged by the neck, &c. Thereupon the said William says that he is a clerk, and can read, &c. And because the Court is without an Ordinary, it cannot proceed further to judgment, &c. Therefore the said William is committed to the gaol of the lord the King at Neugate, there to remain, *quousque, etc.*

Delivery of "Infangthef" made in the Guildhall before Drew Barentyn, the Mayor, John Prestone, the Recorder, Richard Whitingtone, William Staundone, Thomas Knollys, John Shadworth, Robert Chichele, Thomas Fauconer, Thomas Polle, Stephen Speleman, and William Louthe, Aldermen, [and] William Nortone and Thomas Duke, Sheriffs, Tuesday, 19 Feb., 10 Henry IV. [A.D. *1408–9*]. Fo. ccxxv b.

John Brook, of co. Southampton, taken on the previous Saturday at the suit of John Power, servant of Robert Twyer, draper, with the mainour of a piece of green woollen cloth, of the value of 5 marks, feloniously thieved by night from the shop of the said Robert in the parish of St. Michael, in the Ward of Cornhill, on the Saturday aforesaid, whereof the said John appeals him. Pledges for prosecution, viz., John Twyer and William Draper. The said John Brook says he is not guilty, and puts himself on the country. A jury of the venue aforesaid comes, viz.: [ends abruptly].

[Fos. ccxxvi–ccxxx b *blank.*]

[1] Particulars set out in 'Memorials,' p. 562.

Fo. ccxxxi. *Names of the Mayors*[1] [sic] *of the City of London temp. Richard I.*

Anno 1. Henry de Cornhulle, Richard Fitz Rener.
Anno 2. John Herlioun,[2] Roger le Duke.
Anno 3. William de Haverhulle, John Buquoynt.
Anno 4. Nicholas Duket, Peter Newelyn.[3]
Anno 5. Roger le Duke, Richard Fitz Aleyn.
Anno 6. William Fitz Isabelle, William Fitz Arnulph.[4]
Anno 7. Robert Besaunt, Jokel le Jeofne.[5]
Anno 8. Gerard[6] de Antioche, Robert Durant.[7]
Anno 9. Roger le Blount, Nicholas Duket.
Anno 10. Constantine Fitz Arnulph,[8] Robert le Beel.[9]

Names of Mayors and Sheriffs of London temp. King John.[10]

Anno 1. Arnald Fitz Arnulph,[11] Richard Fitz Bartholomew.
Anno 2. Roger Desert, James Fitz Bartholomew, Alderman.[12]
Anno 3. William Fitz Alice, Simon de Aldermanberi.
Anno 4. Norman Blund, John de Ely.[13]
Anno 5. Walter Broun, William Chaumberleyn.
Anno 6. Thomas de Haverhulle, Hamo Bronde.
Anno 7. John Walraven, Richard de Wynton'.
Anno 8. John Holyland,[14] Edmund Fitz Gerard.[15]

[A.D. 1206, Serlo le Mercer, Henry de St. Alban. 'Liber de Antiquis.']

[1] Mistake for Sheriffs.

[2] "Herlisun" in 'Liber de Antiquis.'

[3] "Dukec" and "Neuelun." *Ibid.*

[4] "Filius Athulfi." *Ibid.*

[5] "Jukel Aldermannus." *Ibid.*

[6] "Godardus." *Ibid.*

[7] "Filius Duraunt." *Ibid.*

[8] "Filius Athelhulphi." *Ibid.*

[9] "Lebel." *Ibid.*

[10] The list which follows has been collated with the names of Mayors and Sheriffs recorded in the City's 'Liber de Antiquis' down to A.D. 1274, and the chief discrepancies noted. It should also be collated with other lists printed in an Appendix to what is generally known as 'Gregory's Chronicle' (Camd. Soc.), under the editorship of Dr. James Gairdner. There is considerable difficulty in determining at times to which regnal year the City scribe intended to assign the several Mayors. Hence no little confusion.

[11] "Arnulphus filius Athulfi." *Ibid.*

[12] "Jacobus Aldermannus." *Ibid.*

[13] "De Kayo." *Ibid.*

[14] "Heliland." *Ibid.*

[15] "De la Hale." *Ibid.*

Anno 9. Roger[1] de Wyncestre, Edmund[2] Hardell.
Henry Fitz Alwyn, then Mayor.[3]
Anno 10. Peter Buke,[4] Thomas Fitz Neel.
Anno 11. Peter Jeofne,[5] William le Blount.[6]
Anno 12. Adam Whiteby, Stephen le Graas.[7]
Anno 13. Joce Fitz Piers, John Garlond.
Anno 14. Ralph Elylond,[8] Constantine le Jeofne.
Roger Fitz Alan, Mayor.[9]
Anno 15. Martin Fitz Alice, Peter Bat.[10]
Serlo le Mercer, Mayor.
Anno 16. Salaman Basyngs, Hugh de Basyngs.
William Hardel, Mayor.
Anno 17. John Travers, Andrew Newelond.[11]

Names of Mayors and Sheriffs of London temp. Henry III.

James le Alderman, [Mayor].
Anno 1. Benedict le Seynturer,[12] Salamon de Basynge,[13] [and] William le "Blounditravers" (?).[14]
Anno 2. Thomas Bokerell, Ralph Elylondy.[15]
Serlo Mercer, [Mayor].
Anno 3. John Vyel, Joce le Spicer.[16]
Anno 4. Richard Wymbuldeyne, John Vyel.
Anno 5. Richard Renger, "Joseus" le Jeofne.
Anno 6. Richard Renger, Thomas Lambert.
Anno 7. William le Joynour, Thomas Lambert.

[1] "Robert." *Ibid.*

[2] "William." *Ibid.*

[3] In the margin *Maior primus.* According to the 'Liber de Antiquis' his Mayoralty began anno 1 Richard I. [A.D. 1189-90].

[4] "Le Duc." *Ibid.*

[5] "Junior." *Ibid.*

[6] "Wite." *Ibid.*

[7] "Crassus." *Ibid.*

[8] "Helyland." *Ibid.*

[9] According to the 'Liber de Ant.' Henry Fitz Eylwyn died in 1312, and was then succeeded in the Mayoralty by Roger Fitz Alan.

[10] "Bath." *Ibid.*

[11] "Neuelun." *Ibid.*

[12] "Campanarius." *Ibid.*

[13] In the 'Liber de Antiquis' he is recorded as having served part of the year as Mayor, *loco* James the Alderman, deposed.

[14] "Blundus" (*ib.*). "Blome Travers" (Gregory).

[15] "Helylaunde." 'Liber de Ant.'

[16] "Ponderator." *Ibid.*

Anno 8. John Travers, Andrew Bukerell, pepperer.
Roger [*sic*] Renger, [Mayor].
Anno 9. John Travers, Andrew Bukerell.
Anno 10. Roger Duke, Martin Fitz William.
Anno 11. The same.
Anno 12. Stephen Bukerell, Henry de Cobham.[1]
Anno 13. The same.
Roger le Duke, [Mayor].
Anno 14. Walter de Wyncestre, Robert Fitz John.
Anno 15. Richard Fitz Walter, John de Woborn.
Fo. ccxxxi b. Andrew Bokerell, pepperer [Mayor].
Anno 16. Michael de St. Elena, Walter de Buffele.
Anno 17. Henry de Edelmetone, Gerard Bat.
Anno 18. Simon Fitz Mary, Roger le Blount.
Anno 19. Ralph Asshwy,[2] mercer, John Norman.
Anno 20. Gerard Bat, Robert Hardell.
Anno 21. Henry Cobham,[3] Jordan de Coventre.
Anno 22. John Tolosane, Gervase le Cordewaner.[4]
Anno 23. Richard Renger *pro parte*[5] [Mayor].
John Coundres,[6] John Wilhale.
Anno 24. William Joynour, [Mayor].
Reiner[7] de Bongey, Ralph Asshwy.[8]
Anno 25. Gerard Bat.
John Gisors, Michael Tovy.
Anno 26. Reiner de Bongey.
John Vyel,[9] Thomas Duresme.
Anno 27. John[10] Fitz John, Ralph Asshwey.
Anno 28. Ralph Asshwy.
Hugh Blount, Adam de Basynge.[11]

[1] "Cokham." *Ibid.*

[2] "Elwy" (Eswy). *Ibid.*

[3] "Cokham." *Ibid.*

[4] "Camerarius." *Ibid.*

[5] Andrew Bukerel is recorded in the 'Liber de Antiquis' as having died in 1237, when Richard Renger was made Mayor.

[6] "De Koudres." *Ibid.*

[7] "Reinerus"; in the 'Liber de Antiquis' "Reginaldus."

[8] "Eswy." *Ibid.*

[9] John, son of John Vyel. *Ibid.*

[10] "Robert." *Ibid.*

[11] "Giseburne." *Ibid.* The date for these Sheriffs is given in the 'Liber de Antiquis' as A.D. 1243, "in fine anni regni regis xxvii."

Anno 29. Michael Tovy.
Ralph Spicer,[1] Nicholas Bat.
Anno 30. John Gisors.
Robert Cornhull,[2] Adam de Benteley.
Anno 31. Simon Fitz Master (?),[3] Laurence Frowyk.
Anno 32. Peter Fitz Alan.
John Vyel, Nicholas Bat.
Anno 33. Michael Tovy.
Nicholas Fitz Joce, Geoffrey de Wyncestre.
Anno 34. Roger Fitz Roger.
Ralph Hardell, John Tolosane.
Anno 35. John Norman.
Humphrey Bat,[4] William Fitz Richard.
Anno 36. Adam Basyng.
Laurence de Frowyk, Nicholas Bat.
Anno 37. John Tolasan.
William de Durham, Thomas de Wymborne.
Anno 38. Nicholas Bat.
John de Norhamtone, Richard Pychard.[5]
Anno 39. Ralph Hardell.
Ralph[6] Asshwy, Robert de Lyntone.
Anno 40. Stephen Doo, Henry Waleraund.
Anno 41. Matthew Bokerell, John le Mynure.
Anno 42. Richard Ewell, William Asshwy.
Anno 43. Thomas Fitz Richard,[7] Robert Cateloigne.[8]
Anno 44. John Gisors.
John Adrian, Robert de Cornhulle.
Anno 45. William Fitz Richard.
Adam Brounyng, Henry Coventre.
Anno 46. John Norhamtone, Richard Pichard.
Anno 47. Thomas Fitz Thomas.
Philip Taillour, Richard Walbroke.

[1] "De Arcubus, speciarius." *Ibid.*

[2] According to the 'Lib. de Ant.' Nicholas Bat remained in office.

[3] "Fil' Mag'ri"; in 'Liber de Antiquis' "Fil' Mar'" (Fitz Mary).

[4] "Le Fevre." *Ibid.*

[5] "Picard." *Ibid.*

[6] "William." *Ibid.*

[7] "Fitz Thomas." *Ibid.*

[8] Died in office. Succeeded in turn by Matthew Bukerel and William Grapefige. *Ibid.*

Anno 48. Robert Mounpelers, Osbert Southfolk.
Anno 49. Gregory de Rokesle, Thomas de Lafford.[1]
Anno 50. Edward le Blount, Peter Aungere.[2]
Anno 51. William Fitz Richard, Warden.[3]
John Lynde, John Walraven.
Anno 52. Alan South,[4] Warden.
John Adryan, Luke "Batemourt."[5]
Anno 53. Walter Hervy, William Duresme, Bailiffs.
Anno 54. Hugh Fitz Thomas.[6]
Thomas Basynge, Robert Cornhulle.
Anno 55. John Adryan.
Walter Poter, Philip Taillour.
Anno 56. Gregory de Rokesle, Henry Walsshe.[7]
Anno 57. Walter Hervy.
John Buddele, Richard de Parys.
Henry de Frowik, Warden for part of this year, *ut in libro de cronicis civitatis*.[8]

Names of the Mayors and Sheriffs of London temp. Edward, son of King Henry.

Anno 1. Walter Hervy, [Mayor].
John Horne, Walter Pottere.

[1] "De Forda." *Ibid.*

[2] "Filius Angeri." *Ibid.*

[3] It is recorded in the 'Liber de Ant.' (fos. xcviii b, xcix b) that on the 31st April, 50 Henry III. [A.D. 1266], the citizens elected William Fitz Richard, with the King's assent, to be Sheriff of Middlesex and Warden of the City, and that he remained in office until the 11th Nov. following, when he was removed, and John Adrian and Luke de Batencurt were elected by the citizens to be Bailiffs of the City and Middlesex.

[4] "La Zuche." *Ibid.*

[5] "De Batencourt." *Ibid.*

[6] "Fitz Otes." *Ibid.*

[7] "Waleys." *Ibid.*

[8] Referring probably to that portion of the 'Liber de Antiquis' known at the present day as 'Chronicles of the Mayors and Sheriffs,' where we find the following passage (fo. cxxxiv b): "Hoc anno [viz., 56 (57?) Henry III.] quia discordia orta fuit in festo Simonis et Jude de eleccione Maioris sicut in duobus foliis precedentibus plenius continetur fecit dominus Rex loco Maioris custodem Henricum de Fruwyk in festo Sancti Martini." From this it appears that the 'Liber de Cronicis Civitatis' originally formed a distinct manuscript from the 'Liber de Antiquis.' Cf. 'Cal. Letter-Book D,' pp. 317-18, where both are mentioned in a list of books preserved among the City's archives *temp.* Henry VI.

Anno 2. Henry Waleys.
Nicholas de Wyncestre, Henry de Coventre.
Anno 3. Gregory de Rokesle.
Luke Batencourt, Henry de Frowyke.[1]
Anno 4. John Horne, Ralph Blount.
Anno 5. Robert Arraz, Ralph Fevere.
Anno 6. John Adryan, junior, Walter Longeleys.[2]
Anno 7. Robert de Basyng, William le Mazerer.
Anno 8. Thomas Box, Ralph atte More.
Anno 9. William de Farndone,[3] Nicholas de Wynton'.
Anno 10. Henry Waleys, Mayor. Fo. ccxxxii.
William le Mazerer, Richard Chigwelle.
Anno 11. Walter le Blount, Anketin Betevvelle.
Anno 12. Jurdan Godechep, Martin Box.

Gregory de Rokesle, [Mayor] until Friday the Feast of SS. Peter and Paul [29 June], 13 Edward I. [A.D. 1285],[4] and then Ralph de Sandwich, Warden, until the day after the Feast of the Purification [2 Feb.], 14 Edward I. [A.D. 1285-6], and in his place John Bretoun, Warden, until the Feast of St. Margaret [20 July], 15 Edward I. [A.D. 1287], &c.[5]

Anno 13. Stephen Cornhulle, Robert Rokesle.
Anno 14. Walter le Blount, John Wade.

[1] *Piperarius* entered against his name by a later hand.

[2] "Le Cornewaleys" in 'Cal. Letter-Book B,' p. 275, and in Aungier's 'French Chron.' (Riley's transl., p. 238).

[3] *Aurifaber* against his name.

[4] The City was taken into the King's hand in June, 1285, and Rokesley deposed from the Mayoralty for his conduct to the Justices at the Tower. Aungier, 'French Chron.' (Riley's translation), p. 241; 'Liber Albus,' i. 16, 17.

[5] The 'Grey Friars Chron.' (Rolls Series, No. 4, vol. ii. pt. ii. pp. 149-50) has the following passage under date 15 Edward I., viz.: "Thys yere at the fest of sent Peter dyde [*sic*] Gregory Rockesley and thanne was chosyn Randolfe Sandwyche vn-to the fest of Candelmas and thenne was chosyn John Beyton [*sic*] vn-to sent Margaretes day." Rokesley did not die until July, 19 Edward I. [A.D. 1291] —see 'Chron. Edward I. and II.,' vol. i. p. 99—and according to Aungier's 'French Chron.' (Riley's translation, p. 241) Breton did not become Warden until 17 Edward I.

Anno 15. Thomas Cros, Walter Haudene.[1]
Ralph de Sandwich, Warden, until the morrow of St. Barnabas [11 June], 22 Edward I. [A.D. 1294].[2]
Anno 16. William de Hereford, Thomas de Stanes.
Anno 17. William Betoigne, John de Canterbury.
Anno 18. Fulk de St. Edmund, Salamon de Laufare.[3]
Anno 19. Thomas Romayn, William de "la yre."[4]
Anno 20. Ralph Blount, Hamo Box.
Anno 21. Henry le Bole, Elias Russel.
John Bretoun, Warden.[5]
Anno 22. Robert de Rokesle, junior, Martin de Aumbresbury.
Anno 23. Henry Box, Richard de Gloucestre.
Anno 24. John Dunstaple, Adam de Halyngbury.
Anno 25. Thomas de Suffolk, Adam de Fulham.
Anno 26. Henry Waleys, Mayor.
Anno 27. John de Storteford, William [de] Storteford.
Richard [*sic*] de Refham, Thomas Sely.
Anno 28. Elias Russell, Mayor.
John Armenters, Henry Fyngrie.
Anno 29. Luke Haverynge, Richard de Chaumpes.
Anno 30. John le Blount, Mayor.
Robert le Callere, Peter de Bosenho.
Anno 31. Hugh Pourt, Simon de Parys.
Anno 32. William Combmartyn, John de Burford.
Anno 33. Roger de Parys, John Lyncoln.
Anno 34. William Cosyn, Reginald "Conderley."[6]
Anno 35. Geoffrey atte Condite, Simon[7] Bolet.

Fo. ccxxxii b. *Names of the Mayors and Sheriffs of London from the first year of the reign of King Edward II.*

Anno 1. John Blount, Mayor.
Nicholas Pykot, Nigel Drury, Sheriffs.

[1] Hauteyn ('Fr. Chron.').

[2] According to the 'French Chron.' Bretoun was Warden for a portion of the year 17 Edward I.

[3] "Salamon Coteller" ('French Chron.').

[4] Leyre. *Ibid.*

[5] According to the 'French Chron.' (p. 243) Bretoun succeeded Sandwich as Warden anno 21.

[6] "De Tunderle." *Ibid.*

[7] "Edmund" (*ibid.*). "Simon" is correct.

Anno 2. Nicholas de Farndone.
William de Basyngge, James Botiller.

Anno 3. Thomas Romayn.
Roger le Palmere, James de St. Edmund.[1]

Anno 4. Richer de Refham.
Simon Corp, Peter de Blakenay.[2]

Anno 5. John Gysors, pepperer.[3]
Symon de Mereworth, Richard de Welford.

Anno 6. John Gysors, pepperer.
John Lambyn, Adam Lutekyn.[4]

Anno 7. Nicholas de Farndone.
Robert Burdeyn and Hugh de Gartone.[5]

Anno 8. John de [*sic*] Gysors.
Stephen de Abyndone, Hamo "Chekewelle."

Anno 9. Stephen de Abyndone.
Hamo Godchepe, William de Bodeleghe.

Anno 10. John de Wangrave.
William de Caustone, Ralph Balauncer.

Anno 11. John de Wangrave.
John Priour, senior, William Furneux.

Anno 12. John de Wangrave.
John Poyntel, John Dallynge.

Anno 13. Hamo de Chegewelle.
Simon de Abyndone, John de Prestone.

Anno 14. Nicholas de Farndone.
William Prodhomme, Reginald de Conduit.

This year, viz., the 14th, there was an *Iter*[6] at the Tower.

[1] Son of Fulk de St. Edmund ('Cal. Letter-Book D,' p. 15).

[2] Died during office, and was succeeded by John de Cantebregge. 'Cal. Letter-Book D,' p. 17.

[3] The name of the mistery to which the Mayor or Sheriffs for the time being belonged is now frequently added by a later hand.

[4] Elected on the death of Richard de Welford, who had been hurriedly re-elected Sheriff on the rejection by the Barons of the Exchequer of the nominated candidate Richard de Horsham, and who had died in office. See 'Cal. Letter-Book D,' pp. 19-20.

[5] "Barton" ('Fr. Chron.').

[6] The famous *Iter* which sat from the 14th Jan. to the 4th July, 1321.

Anno 15. Hamo de Chegewelle.
Richard Costantyn, Richard de Hakeney.
Anno 16. Hamo de Chekewelle.
John de Grantham, Roger de Ely.
Anno 17. Nicholas de Farndone.
Adam de Salesbury, John de Oxon'.
Anno 18. Hamo de Chekewelle.
Benedict de Fulsham, John de Caustone, mercer.
Anno 19. Hamo de Chekewelle.
Gilbert de Mordone, John Cotone.
Anno 20. Hamo de Chegewelle Mayor for part of the year, and Richard de Betoigne Mayor for the rest of the year.[1]

Temp. Edward III.

Anno 1. Richard de Rothynge, Roger Chauntecler.
Anno 2. Hamo de Chegewelle, Mayor.
Henry Darcy, John Hauteyn.
Anno 3. John de Grantham, pepperer.
Simon Fraunceys, mercer,[2] Henry Combemartyn.
Anno 4. Symon de Swanlond.
Richard Lacer, Henry Gysors, vintner.
Anno 5. John de Pulteneye, draper.
Thomas de Ely, Thomas Horwold.
Anno 6. John de Pulteneye, draper.
John de Mockyngge, Andrew Aubrey, pepperer.
Anno 7. John de Prestone, girdler.
Nicholas Pyk, skinner, John Hosebonde.
Anno 8. John de Pulteneye, draper.
John Hamond, William Haunsard.
Anno 9. Reginald de Conduit.
John de Hingestone, Walter Turke, fishmonger.

[1] Chigwelle had been replaced in the Mayoralty chair in December, 1323, by the King, by whom he had been displaced in the same year in favour of Farndone. In November, 1326, the citizens regained the right of election, and chose Betoyne in place of Chigewelle. See 'Cal. Letter-Book E,' p. 214n.

[2] *Mercator.*

Anno 10. Reginald de Conduit.
Walter de Mordone, stockfishmonger, Ralph de Uptone.

Anno 11. John de Pulteneye, draper.
William de Brikelesworth,[1] John de Northalle.[2]

Anno 12. Henry Darcy.
Walter Neel, Nicholas Crane.

Anno 13. Henry Darcy.
William Pountefrait, Hugh Marberer.

Anno 14. Andrew Aubrey.
William de Thorneye, Roger de Forsham.

Anno 15. Andrew Aubrey.
Adam Lucas, Bartholomew Deumars.

This year there was an *Iter* at the Tower.[3]

Anno 16. John de Oxon' Mayor for part of the year, and Symon Fraunceys Mayor for the rest.[4] Fo. ccxxxiii.
Richard de Berkyngge, John de la Rokele.

Anno 17. Symon Fraunceys, mercer, Mayor.
John Lovekyn, Richard de "Kylsyngbury."[5]

Anno 18. John Hamond.
John Syward, John de Aylesham.

Anno 19. John Hamond.
Geoffrey de Wychyngham,[6] Thomas Leggy, skinner.

Anno 20. Richard Lacer, mercer.
Edmund de Emenhale, John de Gloucestre, fishmonger.

Anno 21. Geoffrey de Wychingham.
William Claptus, John de Croidone.

[1] Otherwise known as William Curteys de Briklesworth. Hust. Roll 63 (280), 64 (27), 66 (105).

[2] Otherwise known as John le Clerk. *Vide supra*, p. 91. Cf. Hust. Roll 66 (105).

[3] For an account of the proceedings at this *Iter* see Aungier's 'Fr. Chron.' (Riley's translation), pp. 286-8.

[4] John de Oxon', or Oxenford, died in office on the 18th June, and Symon Fraunceys was elected the same day to fill his place. *Vide supra*, p. 77.

[5] Usually spelt "Kyslyngbury."

[6] Otherwise known as Geoffrey "Tableter." *Vide supra*, p. 119.

Anno 22. Thomas Leggy, skinner.
Adam Brabazon, Richard de Basynggestoke.
Anno 23. John Lovekyn, stockfishmonger.
Henry Pykard, Simon Dolsely, pepperer.
Anno 24. Walter Turk, fishmonger.
Adam de Bury, skinner, Ralph de Lenne, stockfishmonger.
Anno 25. Richard de "Kylsyngbury."
John Nott, William de Worcestre.
Anno 26. Andrew Aubrey, pepperer.
John Wroth, fishmonger, Gilbert Steyndrop, goldsmith.
Anno 27. Adam Fraunceys, mercer.
John de Stodeye, vintner, John Pecche, fishmonger.
Anno 28. Adam Fraunceys, mercer.
William de Welde, draper, John Little.

[The list of Mayors and Sheriffs down to 28 Edward III.—the year in which Letter-Book F practically ends—appears to have been entered by one and the same hand and, probably, at one and the same time. The list which follows, viz., from 29 Edward III. to 3 Edward VI., is written by various hands and at different times.—Editor.]

Anno 29. Thomas Leggy, skinner.
William de Tudenham, Richard Smelt.
Anno 30. Simon Fraunceys, mercer.
Thomas de Brandon, Walter Forster, skinner.
Anno 31. Henry Pykard.
Thomas Dolsely, pepperer, Richard de Notyngham.
Anno 32. John de Stodeye, vintner.
Bartholomew Frestlyng, Stephen Cavendisshe, draper.
Anno 33. John Lovekyn, pepperer.
John Bures, draper, John Bernes, mercer.
Anno 34. Simon Dolsely, pepperer.
Simon de Bedyngtone, draper, John de Chichestre, goldsmith.

Anno 35. John Wroth, fishmonger.
John Deynes, ironmonger, Walter de Berneye, mercer.

Anno 36. John Pecche, fishmonger.
James de Thame, goldsmith, William Holbeche, draper.

Anno 37. Stephen de Cavendisshe, draper.
James Andreu, draper, John de St. Alban.

Anno 38. John Noot, pepperer.
Richard de Croydone, John Hiltoft, goldsmith.

Anno 39. Adam de Bury, skinner.
John de Mitford, Simon de Mordone, stockfishmonger.

Anno 40. Adam de Bury continued Mayor until the 28th Jan., anno 40 Edward III. [A.D. 1365–6], on which day John Lovekyn, pepperer, was elected Mayor, and the said Adam removed by order of the lord the King.[1]
John Lovekyn.
John Bryklisworth, Thomas Irland, skinner.

Anno 41. John Lovekyn.
Thomas atte Leye, John Warde.

Anno 42. James Andreu, draper.
John Tornegold, mercer, William Dykeman.

Anno 43. Simon Mordene, stockfishmonger.
Adam Wymondham, Robert Gurdelere.

Anno 44. John Chichestre, goldsmith.
John Pyel, Hugh Holbecche.

Anno 45. John "Biernes."
William Walleworth, Robert Gytoun.[2]

Anno 46. John "Bernes," mercer. Fo. ccxxxiii b.
Robert Hatfeld, Adam Stable, mercer.

Anno 47. John Pyel, mercer.
Nicholas Brembre, pepperer, John Philipot, pepperer.

Anno 48. Adam de Bury, skinner.
John Aubrey, John Fyffide.

[1] Cf. Letter-Book G, fo. clxxv.

[2] Gayton.

Anno 49. William Waleworth, stockfishmonger.
Richard Lyons, William Wodehous.

Anno 50. John Warde, pepperer.
John Haddele, "grocer," William Neuport.

Anno 51. Adam Stable, Mayor, until the 21st March, 51 Edward III. [A.D. 1376–7], on which day he was removed from office by the King's writ and order, and the same day Nicholas Brembre was elected Mayor.[1]
Nicholas Brembre.
John Norhamptone, draper, Robert Launde, goldsmith.

The said Edward III. died at Shene on Sunday before the Feast of the Nativity of St. John Bapt., viz., the 21st June, in the fifty-first year of his reign, on which day Richard, son of Edward, Prince of Wales, the first-born son of the said King, aged eleven years, began to reign.

Temp. Richard II.

Anno 1. Nicholas Brembre.
Andrew Pykeman, Nicholas Twyford, goldsmith.

Anno 2. John Philepot.
John Boseham, Thomas Cornwaleys.

Anno 3. John Hadlee, pepperer.
John Heylesdone, William Baret.

Richard Odiham, Chamberlain, elected 28 May, anno 3 Richard II. [A.D. 1380].[2]

Anno 4. William Walworth, Knt., stockfishmonger.
Walter Doget, William Knyghtcote.

And be it remembered that on the Feast of Corpus Christi [13 June] an immense multitude of men from Kent and Essex came to London and set fire to the manor of the Savoye and St. John at Clerkenwelle, and on the morrow entered the Tower of London and dragged thereout Sir Simon [Sudbury], Archbishop of Canterbury and Chancellor, and Robert Hales, Prior

[1] See Letter-Book H, fo. lix.

[2] His election recorded in Letter-Book H, fo. cxxiii.

of St. John aforesaid, Brother William Appeltone, of the Order of Minors, John Leg, the King's Serjeant, and Richard Somenour, and beheaded them outside the Tower upon Tourhille, and also in London they killed Richard Lyons and many others, both English and Flemish.[1]

Anno 5. John Norhamptone.
John Hende, John Rote.
Anno 6. John Norhamptone.
Adam Bamme, John Sely.
Anno 7. Nicholas Brembre, Knt.
Simon Wynchcombe, John More.
Anno 8. Nicholas Brembre, Knt., "grocer."
Nicholas Extone, goldsmith, John Fresshe, mercer.
Anno 9. Nicholas Brembre, Knt., "grocer."
John Organ, John Chircheman.
Anno 10. Nicholas Extone, goldsmith.
William More, William Staundone, pepperer.
Anno 11. Nicholas Extone, goldsmith.
William Venour, pepperer, Hugh Fastolf.
Anno 12. Nicholas Twyford, Knt., goldsmith.
Adam Karlylle, Thomas Austyn.
Anno 13. William Venour, pepperer.
John Loveye, John Walcote.
Anno 14. Adam Bamme, goldsmith.
Thomas Vyvent, John Fraunceys.
Anno 15. John Hende, draper.
John Shadworth, Henry Vannere, vintner, until the morrow of the Nativity of St. John Bapt. [24 June, A.D. 1392], on which day they were removed at Notyngham by the lord the King and his Council,[2] and in their place there

[1] Another account of Wat Tyler's insurrection is recorded in Letter-Book H, fo. cxxxiii b. See 'Memorials,' pp. 449-51.

[2] The King's anger had been raised against the City by a return that had been made to a writ for distraint of knighthood as well as by a refusal to advance him money on a valuable jewel, and he thereupon summoned the Mayor, Sheriffs, Aldermen, and twenty-four leading citizens to attend

were appointed by the said King and his Council[1]—

Anno 16. Edward Dalyngregge, Knt., Warden.
Gilbert Maghfeld, Thomas Neutone.

Afterwards, viz., on the 1st July, they were sworn at the Guildhall according to custom.

Afterwards, viz., on the 22nd July, anno 16, the aforesaid Edward was removed from the office of Warden at Wyndesore, and in his place there was appointed as Warden—

Baldewyn Radyngtone, Knt.[2]

Gilbert Maghfeld, Thomas Neutone, who were also removed and re-elected.[3]

Afterwards, on the Feast of St. Edward the King [13 Oct.], by permission of the King there was elected in the Guildhall to the Mayoralty—

William Staundone, "grocer," Mayor.[4]
Gilbert Maghfeld, Thomas Neutone (re-elected).[5]
Anno 17. Thomas Hadlee, "grocer."
Richard Whytyngtone, mercer, Drew Barentyn, goldsmith.
Anno 18. John Fresshe.
William Bramptone, Thomas Knolles.
Anno 19. William More.
Roger Elys, William Shiryngham.
Fo. ccxxxiv. Anno 20. Adam Bamme, goldsmith.[6]
Thomas Wilford, William Parker.

him at Nottingham. The Mayor and Sheriffs were dismissed from office, the former being committed to Windsor Castle, whilst the Sheriffs were relegated, one to the castle of Odiham and the other to Wallingford. Letter-Book H, fos. cclxx, cclxx b; Higden, 'Polychron.,' ix. 272; Walsingham, 'Hist. Angl.,' ii. 208-9.

[1] Letter-Book H, fo. cclxx b.

[2] Letter-Book H, fo. cclxxiii b.

[3] They were not so much re-elected (as here recorded) as reappointed by the King. *Id. ibid.*

[4] *Id.*, fo. cclxxvi.

[5] On the previous Feast of St. Matthew [21 Sept.]. *Id.*, fo. cclxxv b.

[6] Adam Bamme died in office, and Richard Whityngtone was appointed by the King on the 8th June to hold the place until the next election day. Letter-Book H, fo. cccxiv.

Anno 21. Richard Whityngtone, mercer.
John Wodecok, William Askeham.
Anno 22. Drew Barantyn, goldsmith.
John Warner, John Warde.

Temp. Henry IV.

Anno 1. T[homas] Knollys, "grocer."
William Walderne, William Hide.
Anno 2. John Fraunceys, goldsmith.
John Wakele, William Menot.
Anno 3. John Shadworth, mercer.
William Fremelyngham, William Venour.
Anno 4. John Walcote, draper.
Richard Merlowe, ironmonger, Robert Chichele, "grocer."
Anno 5. William Askeham, fishmonger.
Thomas Pole, Thomas Fawkener.
Anno 6. John Hende, draper.
William Lowthe, Stephen Spilman.
Anno 7. John Wodecok, mercer.
Henry Bartone, William Crowmere.
Anno 8. Richard Whityngtone.
Nicholas Wottone, Geoffrey Brok.
Anno 9. William Staundone, "grocer."
Henry Haltone, Henry Pounfret.
Anno 10. Drew Barantyn, goldsmith.
Thomas Duke, William Nortone.
Anno 11. Richard Merlow, ironmonger.
John Lane, William Chichele.
Anno 12. T[homas] Knollys, "grocer."
Thomas Pike, Thomas[1] Penne.
Anno 13. Robert Chechele, "grocer."
William[2] Reynwell, Walter Cotton.
Anno 14. William Walderne, mercer.
Ralph Lobenham, William Sevenok.

[1] Mistake for "John." Letter-Book I, fo. xcviii.

[2] Mistake for "John." *Id.*, fo. cv.

Temp. Henry V.

Anno 1. William Walderne, mercer.
William Sevenok, Ralph Lobenham.
Anno 2. William Crowmer, draper.
John Sutton, John Michol.[1]
Anno 3. T[homas] Fauconer, mercer.
John Michel, Thomas Alayn.
Anno 4. Nicholas Wottone, draper.
William Cambrigge, Alan Everard.
Anno 5. Henry Barton, skinner.
Robert Widyngtone, John Coventre.
Anno 6. Richard Merlow, ironmonger.
John Gedney, Henry Rede, armourer.
Anno 7. William Sevenok, "grocer."
John Brian, Ralph Bartone, John Pernys.[2]
Anno 8. Richard Whityngtone, mercer.
John Boteler, Robert Whityngham.
Anno 9. William Cambrigge, "grocer."
John Boteler, John Wellis.
Anno 10. Robert Chichele, "grocer."
William Westone, Richard Gosselyn.

Temp. Henry VI.

Anno 1. William Walderne.
William Estfeld, Robert Tatersale.
Anno 2. William Crowmere.
Thomas Waynesford,[3] Nicholas James.
Anno 3. John Michel, "fisshmonger."[4]
Simon Seman, John "Bethwater."[5]
Anno 4. John Coventre, mercer.
William Melred, John Brokle.

[1] John "Michole," vintner. *Id.*, fo. cxxvi.

[2] Elected *loco* Brian, who died 10 Oct., within twelve days of his entering office. *Id.*, fo. ccxx.

[3] "Wandesford." Letter-Book K, fo. ix.

[4] Hitherto described by the Latin term *piscenarius*.

[5] "Bythewater" (Gregory).

Anno 5. John Reynwelle, fishmonger.
Robert Arnold, John Hygham.
Anno 6. John Gedney, "draper."[1]
"Harry" Frowik, Robert Obley.
Anno 7. Henry Bartone, skinner.
John Dofhous, John Abbot.
Anno 8. William Estefeld, mercer.
John Rus, "Raf" Holand.
Anno 9. Nicholas Wottone, "draper."
Robert Large, Walter Chertsey.
Anno 10. John Wellys, "grocer."
Stephen Brown, John Atherle.
Anno 11. John Pernys, "fishmonger."
John Olney, John Paddesley.
Anno 12. John Brokle, "draper."
John Lyng, Thomas Chalton.
Anno 13. Robert Ottele, "grocer."
T[homas] Bernewell, Symon "Heyre."[2]
Anno 14. Henry Frowik, mercer.
Robert Cloptone, Thomas Catworth.
Anno 15. John Michell, "fishmonger."
Thomas Morstede, William Gregory.[3]
Anno 16. William Estfeld, mercer.
William Chapman, William Halys.
Anno 17. Stephen Brown, "grocer."
Nicholas Yoo, Hugh Dyke.
Anno 18. Robert Large, mercer.
Philip Malpas, Robert Marchall.
Anno 19. John Paddesley, goldsmith.
William Whetenhale, John Sutton.
Anno 20. Robert Clopton, "draper."
William Combes, Richard Riche.

[1] Hitherto described by the Latin term *pannarius*.

[2] "Eyre" (Gregory).

[3] Appears *infra* as Mayor anno 30. To him has been ascribed (at least in part) the 'Historical Collections of a Citizen of London,' referred to as 'Gregory's Chronicle' (Camden Society).

Anno 21. John Hathirle, "yremonger."
Thomas Beaumond, Richard Nordone.
Anno 22. Thomas Catworth, "grocer."
Nicholas Wyfold, John Norman.
Anno 23. Henry Frowyk, mercer.
Stephen Forster, Hugh Wyche.
Anno 24. Simon "Eyre," "draper."
John Derby, Geoffrey Feldyng.
Anno 25. John Olney, mercer.
Robert Horne, Geoffrey Boleyn.
Anno 26. John Gedney, "draper."
William Abraham, Thomas Scott.
Anno 27. Stephen Brown, "grocer."
William Cantelowe, William Marwe.
Anno 28. Thomas Chaltone.
William Hulyn, Thomas Canynges.
Anno 29. Nicholas Wyfold.
John Middeltone, William Dere.
Fo. ccxxxiv b. Anno 30. William Gregory, skinner.
Matthew Philip, Christopher Warter.
Anno 31. Geoffrey Felding, mercer.
Richard Alley, Richard Lee.
Anno 32. John Norman, "draper."
John Waldene, Thomas Cook.
Anno 33. Stephen Forster, "fishmonger."
John Felde, William Taillour.
Anno 34. William Marwe, "grocer."
John Yong,[1] Thomas Oulegrave.[2]
Anno 35. Thomas Canynges, "grocer."
John Stiward, Ralph Verney.
Anno 36. Geoffrey Boleyn, mercer.
William Edward, Thomas Rayner.
Anno 37. Thomas Scot, "draper."
Ralph Josselyn, Richard Nedeham.
Anno 38. William Hulyn, "fishmonger."
John Stokker, John Plommer.

[1] "Jonge" (Gregory). | [2] "Holgrave" (Gregory).

Anno 39 & 1 Edw. IV. } Richard Lee, "grocer."
Richard Flemmyng, John Lambard.

Temp. Edward IV.

Anno 2. Hugh Wych, mercer.
George Irland, John Lock.

Anno 3. Thomas Cook, draper (*pannarius*).
William Hampton, Bartholomew James.

Anno 4. Matthew Philip, goldsmith.
Robert Basset, Thomas Muschamp.

Anno 5. Ralph Josselyn, draper (*pannarius*).
John Tate, John Stone.

Anno 6. Ralph Verney, mercer.
Henry Waver, Knt., William Costantyn.

Anno 7. John Yong, "grocer."
John Bromer and Henry Bryce, who died 20 June, and John Stokton was elected in his place the same afternoon (*post nonam ejusdem diei*[1]), and on the morrow was presented to the Barons of the Exchequer and admitted.

Anno 8. Thomas Owlegreve, skinner.
Humphrey Hayford, Thomas Stalbroke.

Anno 9. William Taillour, "grocer."
Simon Smyth, William Heryot.

Anno 10. Richard Lee, "grocer."
Richard Gardyner, mercer, Robert Drope, draper.

Anno 11. John Stokton, Knt., mercer.
John Crosby, Knt., John Warde.

Anno 12. William Edward, grocer (*grocerus*).
John Shelley, mercer, John Aleyn, goldsmith.

Anno 13. William Hampton, Knt, "fishmonger."
John Broun, Thomas Bledlowe.

[1] From Letter-Book L, fo. lii, it appears that Bryce died early in the morning of Saturday the 20th June, and Stokton was elected in his place at a meeting held at 2 o'clock in the afternoon of the same day. It is further recorded that Stokton paid the sum of £100 into the Chamber to be discharged from office at Michaelmas following, and to be exempt from re-election in future.

Anno 14. John Tate, mercer.
William Stokker, Knt., Robert Billesdon.
Anno 15. Robert Drope, "draper."
Edmund Shaa, Thomas Hill.
Anno 16. Robert Basset, salter.
Robert Colwiche, Hugh Brice.
Anno 17. Ralph Josselyn, Knt., "draper."
Richard Rawson, William Horne.
Anno 18. Humphrey Hayford, goldsmith.
Henry Colet, John Stokker.
Anno 19. Richard Gardyner, mercer.
Robert Byfeld, Robert Hardyng.
Anno 20. Bartholomew James, Knt., "draper."
John Warde, Thomas Ilam.
Anno 21. John Broun, mercer.
William Bacon, haberdasher, Thomas Danyel, dyer.
Anno 22. William Haryot, "draper."
Robert Tate, mercer, Richard Chawry, seller, *loco* William Wykyng, skinner, late Sheriff, deceased.[1]

Temp. Richard III.

Anno 1. Edmund Shaa, Knt., goldsmith.
John Mathewe, William White.
Anno 2. Robert Billesden, haberdasher.
Thomas Northlond,[2] William Martyn.
Anno 3. Thomas Hille, Knt., "grocer."
Thomas Breteyn, Ralph Astry, *loco* Richard Chester, late Sheriff, deceased.[3]

[1] Wykyng is recorded as having died on Friday the 19th Oct., 21 Edward IV. [A.D. 1481], and Chawry to have been elected in his place and sworn at the Guildhall on the following day. On the following Monday he was presented at Westminster, attended by all the barges as of old was accustomed in presentations of Sheriffs on the morrow of St. Michael. Letter-Book L, fo. clxviii b. Cf. Journal 8, fo. cclvii.

[2] "Norlond." Letter-Book L, fo. cxcii b.

[3] Chester died on Sunday the 6th February, 2 [*sic*] Richard III. [A.D. 1484-5], and Ralph Astry, fishmonger, was elected in his place

Temp. Henry VII.

Anno 1. Hugh Brice, Knt., goldsmith.
John Tate, John Swan.

Anno 2. Henry Colet, Knt., mercer.
John Percyvale, Hugh Cloptone.

Anno 3. William Horne, Knt., salter.
John Fenkell, William Remyngtone.

Anno 4. Robert Tate, mercer.
William Isaac, Ralph Tylney.

Anno 5. William White, draper (*pannarius*).
William Capell, John Broke.

Anno 6. John Mathewe, mercer. Fo. ccxxxv.
Henry Cote, Hugh Pemberton, *loco* Robert Revell, who died.[1]

Anno 7. Hugh Clopton, mercer.
Thomas Wood, William Broun.

Anno 8. William Martyn, Knt., skinner.
William Purches, William Welbeke.

Anno 9. Ralph Astry, Knt., fishmonger (*piscenarius*).
Robert Fabian, John Wynger.

Anno 10. Richard Chawry, salter.
Nicholas Alwyn, John Warner.

Anno 11. Henry Colet, Knt., mercer.
Thomas Kneseworth, Henry Somer.

Anno 12. John Tate, mercer.
John Shaa, goldsmith, Richard Haddon.[2]

on the following day. On the following Thursday he was sworn at the Guildhall, and the next day (viz., 11 Feb.) he was presented at Westminster with the accustomed ceremony. It is further recorded that the new Sheriff could not be presented earlier because at the time of his election he was at Southampton. Letter-Book L, fo. cciii. Cf. Journal 9, fo. lxiv.

[1] Revell or Ryvell is recorded as having died on Wednesday, 23rd Feb., 6 Henry VII. [A.D. 1490-1], and Pemberton to have been elected in his place and sworn the following day. On the following Wednesday [viz., 2 March] he was presented to the Lieutenant of the Tower. Letter-Book L, fo. cclxxxiii b. Cf. Journal 9, fo. cclxviii.

[2] Opposite the names of the Mayor and Sheriffs for this year there is entered the single word "Blakehethfeld," alluding to the defeat of the followers of Perkin Warbeck at Blackheath on the 22nd June, 1497.

Anno 13. William Purchace, mercer.
Bartholomew Rede, goldsmith, Thomas Wyndoute, mercer.

Anno 14. John Percyval, tailor (*cissor*), the first of that mistery to be Mayor.
Thomas Bradbury, Stephen Jenyns.

Anno 15. Nicholas Alwyne, mercer.
James Wilford, Richard Bronde.

Anno 16. William Remyngtone, fishmonger (*piscenarius*).
John Hawes, William Stede.

Anno 17. John Shaa, Knt., goldsmith.
Laurence Aylmer, "draper," Henry Hede, "irmonger."

Anno 18. Bartholomew "Reede," goldsmith.
Henry Kebyll, Nicholas Nynes.

Anno 19. William Capell, Knt., draper (*pannarius*).
Christopher Hawes, mercer, Robert Wattes, draper; the said Robert afterwards, viz., on the 9th Nov., died, and in his place was elected Thomas Graunger, skinner.[1]

Anno 20. John Wynger, "grocer."
Roger Acherley, "draper," William Broun, junior.

Anno 21. Thomas Kneseworth, fishmonger (*piscenarius*).
Richard Shore, draper, Roger Grove, "grocer."

Anno 22. Richard Haddon, Knt., mercer.
William Copinger, fishmonger (*piscenarius*), William Fitz William, tailor.

Anno 23. William Broun, senior, mercer.
William Butler, grocer, John Kyrkby, "taillour."

The aforesaid Mayor died on the 22nd March, 23 Henry VII. [A.D. 1507–8], and Laurence Aylmer was elected in his place by the Commonalty on the 27th March.[2]

[1] Election of Graunger took place on the 11th Nov. Letter-Book M, fo. lxxxii b. Cf. Journal 10, fo. ccc.

[2] The Mayor is recorded as having died about 4 o'clock in the morning (*circa horam iiij^tam ante meridien*) of Wednesday the 22nd March. The Commonalty met at the Guildhall at 2 o'clock the next day, and agreed to postpone the election of his successor

Anno 24. Stephen Jenyns, tailor (*cissor*), the second Mayor of that mistery. Fo. ccxxxv b.

Thomas Exmewe, Richard Smyth, "merchant taillour."[1]

The same year Henry the Seventh, King of England, died, and Henry the Eighth, his son, commenced to reign the 22nd April, the same year. And afterwards, viz., on the Feast of the Nativity of St. John Bapt. [24 June], the aforesaid Henry the Eighth was crowned at Westminster.

Temp. Henry VIII.

Anno 1. Thomas Bradbury, mercer.

George Monoux, draper (*pannarius*), Joen Doget, "merchant taillour."

The above Thomas Bradbury died 11 (?) Jan., and William Capell, Knt., was elected in his place for the remainder of the year.[2]

Anno 2. Henry Keybyll, "grocer."

John Mylbourne, "draper," John "Rest," "grocer."

Anno 3. Roger Acheley, "draper."

Nicholas Shelton, mercer, Thomas Myrfyn, "skynner."

Anno 4. William Copynger, fishmonger (*piscenarius*).

Robert Aldernes, haberdasher, Robert Fenrother, goldsmith.

The above William Copynger died the 7th February the year aforesaid, and Richard Haddon was elected in his place for the remainder of the year.[3]

until the following Monday (27th), the reason given being that the deceased Mayor was not yet buried. Letter-Book M, fo. cxlii. Cf. Journal 11, fo. xxxiv.

[1] By letters patent of the 6th Jan., 18 Henry VII. [A.D. 1502-3], the distinctive title of "merchant" was added to the Tailors' Guild.

[2] Capell elected *loco* Bradbury on the 12th Jan. [A.D. 1509-10]. The date of Bradbury's death is almost illegible, but that his death was a strange one appears from the following expression recorded in connexion with it, viz.: "Rabia morte erupt' et divina mediante visitacione cursum vite sue determinat'." Letter-Book M, fo. clxvi b.

[3] Haddon was elected on the 8th of February. Letter-Book M, fo. ccii. Cf. Journal 11, fo. clxx b.

Anno 5. William Broune, mercer.
John Dawes, "grocer," John Bruge, "draper."

The said John Dawes died on the 14th June, anno 6 Henry VIII. [A.D. 1514], and afterwards on Friday the 16th June Roger Basford, mercer, was elected Sheriff in his place for the remainder of the year.[1]

The aforesaid William Broune died the 3rd June, anno 6 Henry VIII. [A.D. 1514], and John Tate, mercer, was elected Mayor in his place for the remainder of the year.[2]

Anno 6. George Monoux, "draper."
James Yerford, mercer, John Mundy, goldsmith.

Anno 7. William Butler, Knt., "grocer."
Henry Warley, Richard Grey.

The above Richard Grey died ..... October, anno 7 Henry VIII. [A.D. 1515], and afterwards, viz., on the 22nd October, William Baylly, draper (*pannarius*), was elected in his place for the remainder of the year by the Commonalty, and was presented at the Exchequer of the lord the King on the morrow of SS. Simon and Jude [28 Oct.] with the Mayor.[3]

Anno 8. John "Reest," "grocer."
Thomas Server, John Thurstone.

[1] His election does not appear to be recorded in the Journal of the day. But on the 16th June he seems to have consented to serve on condition that he should be discharged from his Aldermanry and all other offices on payment of £200. Letter-Book M, fo. ccxxi b.

[2] Viz., on the 6th June. Letter-Book M, fo. ccxxi; Journal 11, fo. cxc.

[3] Grey is recorded as having died on Saturday the 20th Oct. On the 22nd Bayly was elected in his place, but he was allowed for his own convenience to postpone his presentation before the Exchequer at Westminster until the morrow of the Feast of SS. Simon and Jude [28 Oct.], that Feast falling on a Sunday. This permission was granted on condition that he paid to the Chamberlain the sum of £20 over and above a sum of £10 to be paid to the Mayor and Recorder for the time being, the Chamber undertaking to pay such fines and amercements as should happen to be assessed in any of the King's courts upon the Mayor and Commonalty by reason of their action, seeing that the deferring of the presentation reduced the costs and charges which he would have incurred had he been presented immediately. Letter-Book M, fo. cclv b.

Anno 9. Thomas Exmewe, goldsmith. Fo. ccxxxvi.
Thomas Baldry, Alderman, Ralph Symonds, fishmonger (*piscenarius*).
Anno 10. Thomas Myrfyn, skinner (*pelliparius*).
John Aleyn, James Spencer, Aldermen.
Anno 11. James Yerford, Knt., mercer.
John Wilkynson, Nicholas Partryche.
Anno 12. John Brugge, Knt., "draper."
John Kyme, mercer, John Skevyngton, "taillour."
Anno 13. John Mylburn, "draper."
John Breten, "tayllour," Thomas Pargeter, salter.
Anno 14. John Mundy, Knt., goldsmith.
John Rudston, Alderman and draper, John Champneys, "skynner."
Anno 15. Thomas Baldry, mercer.
Michael Inglisshe, Nicholas Jenyns.
Anno 16. William Baylly, Knt., draper (*pannarius*).
Ralph Dodmer, William Roche.
Anno 17. John Aleyen, mercer.
John Cauntone, Christofer Ascue.
Anno 18. Thomas Seymer, Knt., Mayor.
Stephen Pecok, Nicholas Lamberd, Aldermen.

M^t that this yer the seyd Stephen had the preeminence afore the seyd Nicholas for asmoche as he was elect Shireffe by the Mayr ye[t] notwithstandyng the seyd Nicholas was the elder alderman by amo[vement ?].[1]

Anno 19. James Spencer, vintner.
John Hardy, William Holyes.
Anno 20. John Rudstone, Knt., "draper."
Ralph Waren, John Long.

[1] The folio has been clipped at the edge so that several letters are missing. That some such word as "amovement" is the correct reading suggests itself from the fact that Stephen Pecok had removed from the Ward of Farringdon Without (of which he had been elected Alderman 21 July, 1524) to the Ward of Queenhithe on the 12th April, 17 Henry VIII. [A.D. 1526]. Repertory 6, fo. cxvi; Rep. 7, fo. xcviii.

Anno 21. Ralph Dodmer, mercer.
Michael Dormer, Walter Champyon.

Anno 22. Thomas Pargettour, Knt., salter.
William Dauntesey, Richard Choppyng.

Anno 23. Nicholas Lamberd, Knt., "grocer."
Richard Gresham, Edward Altam.

Anno 24. Stephen Pecok, Knt., haberdasher.
Richard Reynoldes, Nicholas Pynchyn.

The said Nicholas died ..... day, anno ....., and John Martyn, "bocher," was elected, who also died ..... day, and John Preste was elected in his place for the remainder of the year.[1]

Fo. ccxxxvi b. Anno 25. Christofer Ascue, Knt., "draper."
William Forman, Alderman, Thomas Kytson, Knt., mercer.

Anno 26. John Champneys, "skynner."
Nicholas Lewson, mercer, William Denham, "iremonger."

Anno 27. John Aleyn, Knt., mercer.
Humfrey Munmoth, "draper," John Cotes, salter.

Anno 28. Ralph Warren, Knt., mercer.
Robert Pagett, Alderman and merchant taylor (*mercator scissor*), William Bowyer, Alderman and draper (*pannarius*).

Anno 29. Richard Gresham, Knt., mercer.
John Gresham, mercer, Thomas Lewen, "iremonger."

Anno 30. William Forman, Knt., haberdasher.
William Wylkynson, mercer, Nicholas Gybson, "grocer."

[1] Pynchyn is recorded as having died on the 8th March, 24 Hen. VIII. [A.D. 1532-3], and Martyn as having been elected in his place on the 12th March. The day of Martyn's death is not recorded, but Preste was elected in his place on the 18th Sept., 25 Henry VIII. [A.D. 1533]. Letter-Book P, fos. vi b, xxiii; Journal 13, fos. ccclxv b, ccclxxxiv b.

Anno 31. William Hollis, Knt., mercer.
John Fayrey, mercer, Thomas Huntlowe, haberdasher.

Anno 32. William Roche, Knt., "draper."
William Laxton, "grocer," Martin Bowes, Knt., goldsmith.

Anno 33. Michael Dormer, Knt., mercer.
Roland Hyll, Knt., mercer, Henry Sukley, merchant taylor (*mercator scissor*).

Anno 34. John Cotes, Knt., salter.
Henry Hoberthorn, merchant taylor (*mercator scissor*), Henry Amcotes, fishmonger.

Anno 35. William Bowyer, "draper." On his death Ralph Warren, Knt., for second time.
John Tollous, "clothworker," Richard Dobbes, skinner (*pelliparius*).

Anno 36. William Laxton, Knt., "grocer."
John Wylford, merchant taylor (*mercator scissor*), Andrew Judde, skinner.

Anno 37. Martin Bowes, Knt., goldsmith.
George Barne, haberdasher, Ralph Alleyn, "grocer."

Anno 38. Henry Hoberthorn, Knt., "merchaunt taylor."
Richard Jerveis, mercer, Thomas Curtes, "pewterer."

Temp. Edward VI.

Anno 1. John Gresham, Knt., mercer.
Thomas Whyte, merchant taylor (*mercator scissor*), Robert Chertesey, mercer.

Anno 2. Henry Amcottes, fishmonger (*piscenarius*).
William Lok, Knt., Alderman and mercer.
John Aylif, Knt., barber surgeon (*barbitonsor sirurgicus*).

The account of Robert le Foundour and William de St. Alban, Wardens of the Conduit, rendered before Richard de Kyslyng- Fo. ccxxxvii.

bury, the Mayor, Thursday after the Feast of St. Martin [11 Nov.], 24 Edward III. [A.D. 1350].[1]

Fo. ccxxxvii b.

Ordinacio de eleccione Maioris.

A congregation of the Mayor, Aldermen, and an immense Commonalty in the Guildhall, London, on Saturday the Feast of Apostles Simon and Jude [28 Oct.], anno 20 Edward III. [A.D. 1346], when there were present Richard Lacer, the Mayor in the year preceding, Andrew Aubrey, Simon Fraunceys, Roger de Depham, John de Caustone, John de la Rokele, Richard de Berkynge, Bartholomew Deumars, Adam Brabazon, William de Pontefract, and Walter de Mordone, Aldermen, John de Croydone and William Claptus, Sheriffs, and an immense Commonalty, so that the whole hall was full of commoners. In which congregation a certain declaration was made by William de Iford, the Common Serjeant, on behalf of the Aldermen then present, the Sheriffs, and the whole Commonalty, making mention of the damages and perils which might happen to the whole City unless a remedy be quickly applied, for that the Aldermen of the said City who ought to assemble on the Feast of the Apostles Simon and Jude, for the election of a Mayor in the Guildhall of London, do at these times absent themselves, as is plain by the absence of Aldermen just now, fearing to take upon themselves the office of the Mayoralty. And for avoiding in future such damages and perils, it was agreed, with the assent of the aforesaid Mayor, Aldermen, and Sheriffs now present, and of the whole Commonalty, that thenceforth each year, on the Feast of the Translation of St. Edward the King [13 Oct.], there should assemble at the Guildhall of London the Mayor and every Alderman for the time being, and also from every Ward of the City twelve, eight, or six, according as the Ward is large or small, of the wealthier and wiser of each Ward, and that none, unless summoned, come or intermeddle with such election of Mayor or Sheriff. And on the same Feast of St. Edward let them elect for themselves a Mayor in manner accustomed for the year ensuing, so that the Mayor thus elected may be able to

[1] For particulars, see 'Memorials,' pp. 264-5.

make arrangements concerning his own affairs (*de statu suo desponere*) between the said Feast of St. Edward and the Feast of the Apostles Simon and Jude. It was also agreed that if he who shall have been so elected Mayor on the same Feast of St. Edward should absent himself or eloign himself on the Feast of the Apostles Simon and Jude next ensuing, being unwilling to take upon himself the burden of the Mayoralty, whether he be present or absent at the time of election, the officers of the City aforesaid for the time being shall nevertheless levy a *fi. fa.* of 100 marks sterling on the chattels, lands, rents, and tenements of him who shall so absent himself, to be paid to him who, on the same Feast of the Apostles Simon and Jude, shall happen to be elected in his place owing to his absence. It was also agreed that every Alderman shall each year be in the City of London as well on the Feast of the Translation of St. Edward the King as on the Feast of the Apostles Simon and Jude at the election of a Mayor. And if any Alderman shall absent himself at any of the Feasts of the Translation of St. Edward the King and the Apostles Simon and Jude, he shall pay to the Chamberlain of the said City for the time being, to the use of the Commonalty aforesaid, 20 pounds sterling, unless the Alderman so absenting himself can excuse himself by reasonable cause, and one acceptable to the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty. It was also agreed that each Alderman shall cause to be elected in his Ward eight, six, or four of the better men of his Ward, according as his Ward be great or small, to be at the Guildhall of London as often as they may happen to be summoned, to treat of the arduous affairs affecting the Commonalty of the said City, on this condition, viz., that if two of a Ward come, the others who are absent shall be excused, and so shall it be for every Ward, and so by two who are present from each Ward they shall proceed to transact that business, the presence of others not being waited for. And if by chance there come from some Ward only one, the rest of the Ward who absent themselves shall be amerced, viz., each one so absent at 2 shillings, to be paid forthwith to the Commonalty of the City aforesaid;

nevertheless, if a sufficient number of good men of other Wards be present, the business shall be proceeded with as is aforesaid.

An ordinance touching the election of Sheriffs made by Walter Turk, Mayor, Simon Fraunceys, Thomas Leggy, Roger de Depham, William de Caustone, Henry Pycard, Simon Dolsely, Bartholomew Deumars, John de Gloucestre, William atte Welde, Thomas Perle, Simon de Worstede, [and] William de Todenham, Aldermen, Adam de Bury, Ralph de Lenne, Sheriffs, with the assent of the whole Commonalty, Tuesday the Feast of St. Matthew, Ap. [21 Sept.], 24 Edward III. [A.D. 1350]:—

Fo. ccxxxviii. Whereas many able persons of the City withdraw and absent themselves, and go out of the City in order to avoid the office of Sheriff of London and Middlesex, and on that account others less able are elected through their default to the same office, to their great hurt and dishonour of the said City, and consequently to the prejudice of the franchise of the said City, it is therefore agreed by the Mayor and Aldermen, with the assent of the whole Commonalty, that in future if any absent or eloign himself from the said City on the day of the election of Sheriffs for the reason aforesaid, he shall pay to him who shall be elected in his place through his default 100 pounds sterling, and furthermore lose his franchise for ever without redemption, and every year the Mayor for the time being shall say on his conscience and by his oath that he has elected some other person than he would have elected if he had been present, and name the person, and the Commonalty in the same manner; and he who shall be so named shall be in no wise excused, and with six good and suitable persons shall make oath that he will not absent himself again for the like cause.

Be it remembered that this book used to be called the Red Book before the books were named after the order of the alphabet.

Names of Turners sworn and their marks made or to be made for their measures pursuant to an ordinance made *temp*. Wychingham, Mayor, anno 21 Edward III. [A.D. 1346–7][1]:—

Robert le Disshere de Wodestret	[his mark].
John Turnour de Lothebury	,,
William de Ayllesbury	,,
John Selle	,,
William Getenheved	,,
Thomas le Boure	,,
Thomas Turnour de Sholane	,,

[1] *Vide supra*, pp. 160-1.

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ERRATA.

Page 9, note, for "1350" read *1351*.

Page 15, note, for "1350" read *1351*; for "this statute" read *the Statute of York*.

Page 29, line 2 from bottom, for "Serjeant-at-arms of the City" read *the King's Serjeant-at-arms*.

Page 33, line 8 from top, for "160" read *110*.

Page 41, line 9, for "Tybelot" read *Tybetot*.

Page 51, line 16, strike out ("fluves"?).

Page 53, line 18, for "Creytone" read *Dreytone*.

Page 61, line 19, for "14 Edward III. [A.D. 1340]" read *15 Edward III.* [A.D. *1341*].

Page 84, line 14, for "before the Feast of the Nativity of St. John Bapt. [24 June]" read *Monday after the quinzaine of Easter* [*13 April*].

Page 108, line 5, for "in two years" read *for two years*.

Page 251, line 14, for "appeblome" read *appelblome*.

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